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Regiment fuels soldier's passion for WWII



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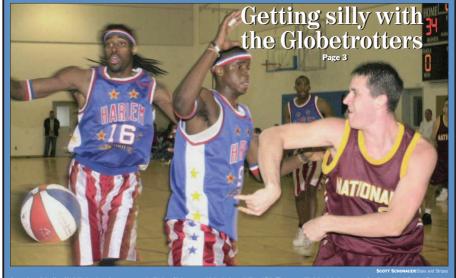
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17 Iraqis die in insurgent ambush

Weekend attacks aimed at those working with U.S. kill at least $70\,_{\text{\tiny Page}\,\text{\tiny 5}}$



A member of the New York Nationals makes a pass as the Harlem Globetrotters' John Jackson (16) and Eric Thompson (9) defend during a game Sunday at Naval Station Rota, Snain. The Globetrotters re during bases in Snain. Hally. Germany and Turkey this month.

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States

Michael Jackson: Following two days of searches at the Neverland ranch of Michael Jackson, who is accused of molesting a boy, California authorities collected a DNA sample from

the singer, a newspaper reported Sunday. Investigators used a cotton swab to take the sample from inside

Jackson's mouth on Sat-

Jackson

urday, the Santa Bar-bara News-Press reported, citing unidentified sources. The move came as police searched Never-

land again on Friday and Saturday, just weeks before the pop star's trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 31. Jackson, 46

pleaded not guilty to child molestation, conspiracy and administering an intoxicating agent, alcohol, to the alleged victim.

World

Ukraine election: The campaign for a third round of voting in Ukraine's bitterly fought presidential contest officially opened Sunday with activists signing up to monitor the election and a top ally of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko speaking confidently

of victory.

Lawmaker Yuliya Tymoshenko insisted Yushchenko would prevail against Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, who is favored by outgoing President Leonid Kuchma and Russian President Vladimir Putin. We are confident of a colossal victory by

Yushchenko," she told journalists, adding that fewer officials are now willing to falsify the vote. "Something has changed, thanks to the people," Tymoshenko said.

New campaigning officially kicked off Sunday, three weeks before the Dec. 26 vote, which was ordered by Ukraine's Supreme Court in a landmark decision to toss out the results of the Nov. 21 runoff

Kashmir explosion: A remote-controlled roadside bomb blew up an army patrol car in a pre-dawn attack Sunday in disputed Kashmir, killing an Indian army major and 10 other soldiers, police said.

A man who said he spoke on behalf of the Hezb-ul Mujahedeen militant group claimed responsibility in a call to the Central News Service. The group is the largest of the militant organizations fighting Indian security forces since 1989 to carve out a separate homeland or merge Kashmir with India's neighbor Pakistan.

The powerful blast in Wachi village hurled the car skyward and left a 10-foot wide crater in the road, police officer Imtiyaz Ahmed said by telephone from the site of the blast, about 40 miles south of Srinagar, the summer capital of India's Jammu-Kashmir state

Serbia election option: Serbia's pro-Western president has proposed early general elections in the Balkan republic to try to replace the government that has defied Western demands to hand over war crimes suspects, according to a local newspaper re-



es storms: Debris partially covers houses in Infanta, Philippines. Philippine officials sought international help Sunday to rebuild villages ravaged by back-to-back storms that left 566 people dead and 546 others missing in mostly poor northern agricultural regions. Official figures released earlier said 640 people had died in the storms, but the latest tally lowered the figure to 566.

Boris Tadic, the popular liberal politician who became Serbia's president in June, accused the conservative Cabinet of Prime Vojislav Kostunica of working Minister against state interests by resisting the pres sure to arrest and extradite more than a



dozen Serbs indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands In comments pub-

lished by Belgrade's daily Politika, Tadic criticized Kostunica's policy of appealing for voluntary surrender of suspects rather then sending police to arrest them.

Two Bosnian Serbs indicted in connection with the 1992-95 war in Bosnia have surrendered voluntarily since Kostunica became prime minister this vear.

Germany suspect release: German authorities have released a Lebanese man questioned in connection with an alleged planned attack on Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi during his visit to Berlin this week, authorities said Sunday

The man was arrested in Berlin on Saturday on suspicion of supporting a terrorist organization, but prosecutors have decided not to seek an arrest warrant to keep him in custody, said Hartmut Schneider, spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office. He gave no further details

A judge in Karlsruhe on Saturday issued a formal arrest warrant against three other men who are accused of belonging to Ansar al-Islam, a group that has mounted attacks on U.S. and allied forces in Iraq since last year's invasion. They were taken into custody on Friday on suspicion of planning an attack on Allawi, hours before he met with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. Prosecutors did not release the suspects' names.

Zimbabwe's vice president: Zimbabwe's first woman vice president, former guerrilla fighter Joyce Mujuru, called for unity in the ruling party after a divisive power wrangle over her nomination, state media reported.

Mujuru, 49, was elected Saturday at an annual party convention that was marred by the suspension of seven top party officials accused of plotting to sway the vice-presidential vote in favor of parliamentary speaker Emmerson Mnangagwa.

The dispute over Muiuru's election was the most dramatic split in the Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front since it took power under President Robert Mugabe

N. Korea talks: Japan's foreign minister said Sunday Tokyo remains cautious about imposing economic sanctions on North Korea because the impoverished communist country could use it as an excuse to pull out of bilateral talks.

Japanese officials visited Pyongyang last month for talks about Japanese nationals abducted by the North's spies in the 1970s and 80s. But several rounds of talks have brought little progress, prompting calls in Japan for the government to take a harder line against the country - including exploring ways to promote a change of the authoritarian regime.

Abu Sayyaf roundup: Government troops raided a suspected safehouse of Abu Sayvaf Muslim extremist guerrillas in a southern city, killing a rebel commander and capturing four suspected rebels, military officials said Sunday

The slain rebel, Mahar Gahan, also known by his guerrilla name Abu Muslim, has been linked to several bombings in the south, Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza, who heads the military's Southern Command. said without elaborating. Stories and photos from The Associated Press







'America's team' wows the crowd at Rota

Legendary Harlem Globetrotters begin tour of overseas U.S. military bases

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain - The world-famous Harlem Globetrotters strutted into the packed high school gymnasium, and it didn't take long for the smiles, whoops and hollers to emerge from the crowd.

As music blared from the speakers, the funniest, and arguably the most entertaining, basketball team took center stage — err — center court and didn't disappoint who came to watch and have fun.

Lt. Anna Schwarz, a nurse at the base hospital, brought her two daughters, Beth, 5, and Christine, 7, to see the team in Rota on Sun-

They had never seen the Globetrotters but midway through the first half they were laughing and giggling at the team's on- and off-court antics.

"This is great," said Anna Schwarz, sitting courtside. "It's a lot of fun, very entertaining."

The legendary group's players tipped off their first tour of overseas military bases with their ageless brand of basketball humor on Sunday in Rota.

They played two games against the New York Nationals in a Rota high school gym filled with American military personnel and their

The games — sponsored by AT&T and presented by the Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division and Armed Forces Entertainment - are free at all the

hases Joseph Casey, 17, a senior for-ward on the high school basketball team, had seen the Globetrotters only on TV and was excited about seeing the team for the first time in person

"I think it's really good to have opportunities like this because it's not that often they come overseas." he said.

For Chief Petty Officer Eugene Tolbert, it was a family reunion of sorts. His cousin is Matt "Show-



Harlem Globetrotters tour of U.S. military bases

Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy Dec. 7: Naval Support Activity

La Maddalena, Italy Dec. 8: Aviano Air Base, Italy

Dec. 14: **Naval Air Station** Sigonella, Sicily Dec. 12:

Mannheim, Germany Dec. 13-14: Several locations in Turkey

The shows are free, but some bases require fans to have tickets. Servicemembers should contact local bases for show dates, times, locations and ticket information.

biz" Jackson, a veteran Globetrotter who stole the show on more than a few occasions.

"This is the first time to actually see him as a "Trotter," Tolbert said. "I'm definitely excited to see

him play."

"Sweet" Lou Dunbar, a former player who now coaches the Gloetrotters, said it is gratifying to entertain the troops overseas. Dunbar has been with the team



for 27 years. The Globetrotters play in front of smaller, more "in-

begin their 79th season next year. We're America's team: we've got to feel great about coming over her," Dunbar said.

Although the Globetrotters will Madison Square Garden.

timate" crowds on their tour of overseas military bases, they will bring the same show and performance they do at places such as

"This is something special for us," Dunbar said, "Those kids will remember this. They'll remember this day believe me.'

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Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, starts recycling program

BY JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, is taking its

new recycling program one page - and one aluminum can — at a time. Environmental program specialist David Vann with the base Public Works Department said the pro-

gram is initially focusing on office paper, cardboard, aluminum cans and wood.

A lot of the base's waste comes from cardboard and wood from the base supply, he said. The department focused early collection efforts

on those materials. For the rest of the base, which is mostly administrative in nature, Vann said, the department wanted to focus on waste paper and aluminum cans

The office started a three-month test program in the late summer for paper and aluminum in the pub-lic works building. "In that 90 days, we generated over one ton of paper," he said. "Then at that point we decided ... to go base-wide.'

Since the program started, most buildings have re-

ceived recycling bins ranging in size from standard home garbage cans to shoebox-sized paper collection boxes. Large blue dumpster-sized recycling bins are at central points on the base for large amounts of material.

In its nearly three weeks of operation, the program has already filled about a dozen of the blue aper bins. A contractor takes the gathered materials from

the base for recycling.

At this early point, Vann said, the department is not receiving money for the materials, but it is receiving benefits from the program.

"What we're able to do is save money in waste dis-posal," he said. "Even if we're not making money from the recycled products we're saving money

from its disposal. "From an environmental standpoint ... we want to

be good stewards to our host nation," he said.

The department hopes to expand the recycling program and accept plastic waste, Vann said. The rogram will eventually include the Gricignano housing area, he added.

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Naval Support Activity Naples' recycling program

Naval Support Activity Naples' recycling program for waste paper, cardboard, aluminum cans and wood may be new, but the Public Works Environmental Division has always recycled a handful of items that are considered hazardous materials.

The division collects and recycles a number of items at Gricignano Hazardous Waste Storage Facility, bldg. 2080. Items include: used motor oil; household chemicals such as cleaners and insect re-

pellent; toner cartridges; fluorescent light bulbs and batteries. It will accept batteries ranging from the small AAA batteries in

calculators to car batteries. Car batteries also can be turned into the Navy Exchange Autoport facility.

All collected items are accepted at the facility, then stored and disposed of by Environmental Division personnel

Additionally, newly arriving personnel can stop at the facility and take any of the household cleaning supplies.

The facility's hours are from noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. It is located next to the privately-owned vehicle lot behind the base hospital.

- Jason Chudy

Soldier gets hands-on with WWII history

Commander of Baumholder-based Phantom Regiment fuels his passion with re-enactments

Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany -A man with a perfectly restored, airbrushed and lacquered Army jeep sees Joseph Hall at a World War II commemorative and calls him on the less than perfect sten cil ioh on the white star on the hood of Hall's 1941 Willys jeep.

Unfortunately, the man, who has no military experience, picks on the wrong G.I. Joe.

"I know how soldiers act," says Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Hall, who's been the in the Army 27 years. "I know how soldiers

Who did the stenciling in the circa-1940 Army?

"The guy in trouble," Hall says "He's watching his buddies go out on the town with a pass, and he's stuck there with a stencil and a brush

That soldier's handiwork is not going to look like car-show detail

ing.
When he's not battalion command sergeant major with 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Hall is the leader of a group of re-enactors called the Phantom Regiment.

Based at Raumholder, the Phantom Regiment is Hall and a group of young soldiers bitten by the are the people who know the difference between the 82nd Airborne D-Day paratrooper uniforms and the ones they wore for Operation Market Garden three months later

"It's an out-of-control hobby more than anything," Hall says. Sgt. Maj. Hall does it for the right reason, says Steve R. Ru-hnke, curator of Baumholder's

1st Armored Division Museum "He's just dedicated. Some peo-ple [collect military artifacts] for financial reasons," Ruhnke says. "He does it for the love of history. And for educating others, especially young soldiers.'

Hall's particularly knowledge-able about WWII equipment, Ruhnke says, and Hall's soldiers con-

"He knows more than I'll ever know," says Spc. Jonathon Parker, the 22-year-old Phantom Regiment tank driver who is also an Abrams gunner with the Baum-



TERRY BOYD/Stars and Strine

It takes a good eye to tell if this photo is from the Stars and Stripes of 2004, or 1944. With the snow, the authentic uniforms and weapons and the Sherman tank, this could be a photo from the Battle of the Bulge. In fact, it's members of Baumholder's Phantom Regiment in the parking lot of the base post exchange on Veterans Day. From left to right is Spec. Jonathon Parker. Command Sgt. Mai. Joseph Hall. Pfc. Edward Thrasher. Sgt 1st Class Kevin DeVoss (partially in view), Spc. Matthew Amaral and Pfc. Derrall Escobar. All the uniforms and weapons are courtesy of Hall.

holder-based 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment Perhaps it's because something

about Hall hails back to the Greatest Generation. Clearly, he admires those soldiers. "I think they grew up tougher,"

Hall says. They were adept at keeping tanks running, he says, because

they'd come from the farm where they worked on tractors and drove old jalopies.

Hall has the unnerving ability to instantly recall anything he's read, heard or studied. In casual conversation, streams of data flow from him

How much does an M-1 Garand rifle weigh? Why is a Sherman tank so tall? What's its gas mileage? How many casualties were there in the first 24 hours of D-Day? What tactics did the Americans use? The Germans? Which units fought where? Why did it take the U.S. Army three years to develop a suitable field

jacket for the European theater The answers are easy for Hall.

He can leave listeners smelling the Cordite on the battlefield. hearing artillery shells screeching in as they ponder what it was like to crouch in a foxhole enduring hours of deadly accurate artil-

And who knows, says his wife Sabine, maybe this knowledge could lead to a second career.

lery and mortar fire.

After the 1998 Steven Speilbers movie "Saving Private Ryan" premiered, experts such as Joseph Hall became "a big-time resource" for people wanting accurate information about World War II, Sabine Hall says. Especially those people using the Internet to chase down the loose ends of their father's service.

Including his wife Rifling through books and old unit records, Joseph Hall was

able to fill in the details of her fa ther, Heinrich Heitmann's brush with death. The French captured Heitmann August 19, 1944, near Lambert/St Trun France

"He had been in the 2nd SS Pan-

tance thought it was a good idea to shoot him," Joseph Hall said. But American troops happened upon the scene in time to stop the executions, and Heitmann was detained as a prisoner of war in the

Ever since "Saving Private tyan," retiring baby boomers ave started sending lots of Ryan," e-mails to Hall asking him things like: "My dad was in the 4th Armored Division. What did he do?" Those are the kind of questions

he likes to answer as often as he can with the assistance of the Phantom Regiment. On a snowy Veterans Day, Hall

and his young acolytes have the regiment's Sherman tank on display in the Baumholder Base Exchange parking lot. Young tank-ers come by and ask if they can climb around the Sherman tank and compare it to the M1A2 Abrams. Half expecting Hall to say no, they're in the turret in about two seconds after he gives his blessing.

All the uniforms — which are





Set. Mai. Joseph Hall World War II collector. enthusiast

commande

of the Phantom Regiment, a Raumholder Germany-hased group of re-enactors, history buffs and model builders who attend events across Europe.

Unit: 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division Family: Wife, Sabina Hall Hometown: Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

authentic though not original on the six Phantom Regiment members present are Hall's. So are every last piece of kit and all

And there's a basement full of stuff at his house. Permanent change of station time is especialchange of station time is especially interesting at his house, he says: "How do you pack a BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle)?"

Though he and the Phantom

regiment do stage what they term "living history demonstrations," Hall is quick to say he's not a re-enactor. "I've been running around the woods shooting blanks my entire life," he said, smiling.
"That really doesn't get it for

What gets it for him is using all he has learned and collected to create a "museum without glass; without walls." he says.

He sees living history "as a touchy-feely museum," Sabine Hall says. "In a conventional museum, everything is behind glass or ropes. But with [historical recreations], people touch the rifles, and they feel how heavy it is. When they touch the wool uniforms, they see how thick it is.
"It's like touching a museum."

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Sgt. Nicholas Bogan, 68th Transportation Company, 21st Theater Support Command, shakes hands with Brig. Gen. Larry C. New man, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, U.S. Army Europe. Bogan is the 2004 IMA-E and HSARFHR Food

Service NCO of the Year



USAREUR names best food service

Stars and Strines

The Army recently recognized its best food service in Europe at a ceremony in Heidelberg, Germa-

Sgt. Nicholas Bogan of the 68th Transportation Company, 21st Theater Support Command, was named noncommissioned officer of the year. Spc. Dawn Walles of the 37th Trans. Group, 21st TSC, was named soldier of the year.

Runners-up this year are Sgt. James Whyman of U.S. Army Europe and Pfc. Rex Darnell of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, 41st FA Brigade, V Corps.

The ceremony at Patrick Henry Village was host ed by U.S. Army Europe and the Installation Management Agency-Europe

IMA-E and USAREUR Phillip A. Connelly Award winners for 2004:

- Large Garrison: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 4th Infantry Regiment Dining
- Facility, representing the 100th Area Support Group. ■ Small Garrison: U.S. Army Europe headquarters, "The Any Mission Diner," representing the 26th ASG.
- Field Kitchen Category: Battery C, 6th Bn., 52nd ADA, 69th ADA Bde., V Corps.
- Runner-up, Large Garrison Categor: 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, representing the 98th ASG
- Runner-up, Small Garrison Category: 1st Battalion., 10th Special Forces Group, representing the 6th ASG

17 Iraqi workers die in ambush U.S. deaths

Unrest kills six GIs since Friday

BY NICK WADHAMS

RACHDAD Gunmen opened fire on a bus carrying unarmed Iragis to work at a U.S. weapons dump near Tikrit on Sun-day, killing 17 and bringing the toll from three days of intensified insurgent attacks to at least 70 Iraqi dead and dozens wounded.

The attacks, focused in Baghdad and several cities to the north, appeared to be aimed at scaring off those who cooperate with the American military whether police, national guardsmen, Kurdish militias, or ordinary people needing a paycheck.

The violence came just weeks after the United States launched major offensives aimed at suppressing guerrillas ahead of crucial elections set for Jan. 30 Later Sunday, several small Sunni Muslim groups joined more influential Sunni clerics in demanding that the vote be postponed by six months.

Sunday's bloodshed began when gunmen opened fire at the bus as it dropped off Iraqis employed by coalition forces at a weapons dump in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, said Capt. Bill Coppernoll, spokesman for the Tikrit-based U.S. 1st Infantry Di vision. Coppernoll said 17 died and 13 wounded in the attack

Survivors said about seven guerrillas were involved, emptying their clips into the bus before fleeing. The bodies of the victims brought to a morgue too small to fit all of them; some were left splayed on a street outside.

About an hour later, a suicide car bomber drove into an Iraqi National Guard checkpoint in Beiji, about 75 miles to the north. detonating his explosives-packed vehicle, Coppernoll said. Then



JOHN QUEEN/Courtesy of the LLS. Army

Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, cordon off an area around the crater left by large car bomb that exploded in Baghdad on Saturday.

gunmen opened fire on the position. Three guardsmen, including a company commander, were killed and 18 wounded, Coppernoll said

Also Sunday, guerrillas ambushed a joint Iraqi-coalition patrol in Latifiyah, south of Baghdad, and attacked Iraqi National Guardsmen patrolling near Samarra, north of Baghdad. Two Iragis were killed and 10 wounded.

The attacks seem to be an or-

chestrated campaign by Iraq's Sunni-led insurgency to strike Iraqis who cooperate in any fashion with the Americans. On Friday, a police station was hit and 16 killed. On Saturday, suicide car bombs hit another police station, killing six, and a bus full of Kurdish militiamen, killing seven.

Six IIS soldiers have been killed since Friday as well. That included two soldiers slain Saturday during a patrol in Mosul's Palestine neighborhood, when they came under fire from insurgents shooting from two mosques and other buildings in the area, according to spokeswoman Capt Angela Bowman. The U.S. military and Iraqi forces later raided a mosque and detained three.

The raid drew several disguised men out onto the street in protest. "I swear by God, I swear By God, I swear by God, our retaliation will be severe, God witness what I say," a masked man shouted before speeding away in a car.

in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,269 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 988 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said as of Friday. The figures include three military civilians. The de-partment did not update its numbers Saturday.

The AP count is nine higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Po-land, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported ne death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,131 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 879 deaths re-sulting from hostile action, according to the military's num-

The latest deaths reported by the military:

One U.S. soldier was killed

by a roadside bomb Saturday north of Baghdad One U.S. soldier was killed

by an explosive Saturday in eastern Baghdad.

■ Two U.S. soldiers died Friday in suicide car bombings of their post near the Jordanian border.

The latest identifications reported by the military: ■ Marine Cpl. Bryan S. Wil-

son, 22, Otterbein, Ind.; died Wednesday in a vehicle inci-dent in Anbar province; as-signed to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton,

Judge rules Karpinski must testify at abuse trial

BY T.A. BADGER The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas - A military judge has ordered the former commander of U.S. prisons in Iraq to testify at the trial of a soldier who says his superiors condoned the abuse of detainees at Abu Ghraib

The judge, Col. James Pohl, said Saturday that Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski's testimony at the trial of Sgt. Javal Davis would be limited to conditions at Abu Ghraib and the interaction there between guards and military interrogators. Karpinski is the highest-level official ordered to testify in the scandal

Davis has acknowledged stepping on the fingers and toes of detainees, but told investigators that military intelligence personnel appeared to approve. "We were told they had different rules," he said, according to an Army report.

Pohl's decision during a pretrial hearing came as the Navy said it was investigating new photographs obtained by The Associated Press that appear to show Navy SEALs

in Iraq sitting on hooded and handcuffed

Karpinski has denied knowing about any mistreatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib



until photographs were made public at the end of April showing hooded and naked prisoners being tormented by their U.S. captors. She was re-lieved of her command after abuses at the prison came to

light. In an interview with the AP, Karpins-

ki said a "conspiracy" among top U.S. commanders left her to blame for the abuses. A report issued by an independent panel of nongovernment experts blamed Karpinski for leadership failures that "helped set the conditions at the prison which led to the abuses

Her attorney, Neal A. Puckett, said Satur-

day afternoon that he had not been notified of Pohl's order. But he said Karpinski, who is now in the Army Reserves, gave a deposition in an earlier case.

"She's always been willing to cooperate in any investigation. There's be no reason for her not to testify," he said.

Davis is among seven members of the 372nd Military Police Company charged with humiliating and assaulting prisoners at the Baghdad prison.

Pfc. Lynndie England, whose court-martial is scheduled for Jan. 18, also sought to call Karpinski as a witness, along with Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. The judge in her case rejected those requests, but allowed England's attorneys to submit a deposition from Karpinski as evidence.

Davis faces charges including conspiracv to maltreat detainees, assault, dereliction of duty and lying in official statements. He has denied hurting prisoners but said he was ordered to "soften them

If convicted on all counts, he faces eight

years in a military prison.

Pretrial hearings at Fort Hood on Saturday for Davis and Spc. Sabrina Harman were originally scheduled to begin next year in Baghdad. No reason was given for the decision to move the trials to the Unit-

ed States

Paul Bergrin, a lawyer representing Davis, said Saturday that his client's behav ior was not unreasonable given the conditions he worked and lived under at Ahu Ghraib: long hours, oppressive heat, frequent mortar attacks by insurgents and pressure from higher-ups to obtain useful information from detainees Asked if Davis is bearing blame for inter-

rogation decisions made at top levels in his command, Bergrin said, "That's the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth

Bergrin sought a dozen detainees to tell military jurors that Davis treated them well and acted professionally. Pohl cut that number down to four.

Maj. Michael Holley and Capt. Christopher Graveline, the military prosecutors, are restricted under law from commenting on pending cases.

Military reviews SEALs' photos of Iraqi detainees

BY SARAH EL DEEB The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — A former military spokesman in Iraq said Saturday new pictures showing apparent abuse of Iraqi prisoners were the acts of an isolated few but will be used by some to try to tarnish the entire U.S. military.

Gen. Mark Kimmitt, now based in Qatar, spoke on the pan-Arab television network a day after the U.S. military launched a criminal investigation into photographs that appear to show Navy SEALs in Iraq sitting on hooded and handcuffed detainess.

Other photos show what appear to be bloodied prisoners, one with a gun to his head.

The photos, found by an Associated Press reporter, were among hundreds in an album posted on a commercial photo-sharing Web site by a woman who said her husband brought them from Iraq after his tour of duty.

Some of the photos have date stamps suggesting they were taken in May 2003, which could make them the earliest evidence of possible abuse of prisoners in Iraq. The far more brutal practices photographed in Abu Ghraib prison occurred months later.

The photos were turned over to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, which instructed the SEAL command to determine whether they show any serious crimes, said Navy Cmdr. Jeff Bender, a spokesman for the Naval Special Warfare Command in Coronado, Calif.

That investigation will determine the identities of the troops and what they were doing in the photos.

Kimmitt, the spokesman in Iraq at the time of the Abu Ghraib scandal, said he believes the photos show the acts of an isolated

After months of investigation,



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A photo found posted on a commercial photo-sharing Web site operated by a woman who said her husband brought the photos from Iraq after his four of duty appears to show a subject constrained by U.S. millitary personnel. The Navy SEALs have launched a criminal investigation into photographs that appear to show commandos sitting on hooded and handcuffed debaines.

Kimmitt said the number of U.S. military troops involved in acts of abuse has been found to be very

Asked by al-Jazeera if such pictures are a problem, Kimmitt said they are a "tool" and some will try to use them to show the U.S. military in a negative light.

limited

After outraged reaction from the Arab world to the first Abu Ghraib pictures, President Bush appeared on Arab television in May and said the torture was the act of a few.

The new photos drew strong reactions in Arab media as did the "The two scandals confirm the image about the Americans known in the Middle East: that the Americans are not a charity or a humanitarian organization that is leading an experiment of democracy," said Sateh Noureddine, managing editor of the Lebanese leftist newspaper As-Safir.

Volume and variety make Balad enjoyable

Air traffic controllers at air base 'get a little bit of everything'

BY RON JENSEN Stars and Stripes

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — The aircraft that fly into Balad are big and small, American and foreign, slow and fast. Many can

even hover in midair.

For the folks in the control tower, the ac-

tivity and variety is heaven. "There's never a dull moment," said Master Sgt. Fred Erolin, chief controller with the 332nd Expeditionary Operations

with the 332nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron.

A few hundred times a day, an aircraft leaves the base or arrives. It might be a lumbering C-5 Galaxy or a speedy F-16 Fly-

leaves the base or arrives. It might be a lumbering C-5 Galaxy or a speedy F-16 Flying Falcon. It might be a Chinook helicopter or an RC-130 Army reconnaissance plane. Or it could be a pilotless remote control aircraft.

Shoot, it might even be an odd-looking Russian cargo plane.

"It's what makes this place that much more challenging," said Erolin, who is from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

When Spc. Erin Korich and Spc. Brett Cole arrived in March with 12 other Army air traffic controllers from Company B of the 3rd Battalion, Sth Aviation Regiment at Katterbach, Germany, they were masters with helicopters but novices with fixed wing aircraft.

"We had no real life experience with fixed wing, only [during training] at the schoolhouse," said Cole. "At this point, we're probably the most experienced controllers in the Army. Nobody else deals with what we do."

"It took me a month, month and a half before I felt completely comfortable," said Korich

The air base serves the largest supply

hub in the Iraqi theater. Logistics Support Area Anaconda is a lifeline for nearly 140,000 troops battling insurgents in the country.

Erolin, who has worked at Air Force fighter bases, said this one tops them all for the sheer number of aircraft movements. "It's four or fives times busier," he said.

"It's four or fives times busier," he said.

But it is not just the volume, he said, that
makes it such a challenging and enjoyable
job for controllers. It is also the variety of

aircraft.
"You're talking about different air speeds," he said. "One of the hardest jobs

for a controller to do is sequence the aircraft."

If fast-moving fighters, slow Sherpas and some helicopters all converge on the

and some helicopters all converge on the base at the same time, the controller has to line them up in a way that will get all down as quickly as possible. "T've always told my people, this is not

"I've always told my people, this is not science, this is art," said Erolin, a controller for 15 years. "Air traffic control is pure

Of course, they are creating this art in the undidle of a country wracked by war. Although the threat has been quiet lately, the base has been a bull's-eye for the enemy outside the wire with mortars and rockets. As a result, controllers have to be on the lookout for any attempt to shoot at the air-craft coming or going outside the base pe-

rimeter.

"You have to maintain a very high level of SA, we call it — situational awareness," Erolin said

If an aircraft gets shot at, it will take evasive action. The controller must be ready to tell the pilot if other aircraft are in the area and tell the other aircraft what has just happened, he said. Also, because the control tower is the tallest thing for miles around on the flat desert landscape, the controllers are valuable assets in noting where mortar rounds and rockets land on base.

Controllers let the command post know if they spot a cloud of dust or smoke from an impact, Erolin said. Some have landed so close they've rattled the windows of the

ower.
But, he said, "we were working aircraft

The equipment used in the tower is tactical gear that belongs to the Army. The soldiers from Katterbach have become the experts in the tower, having seen two Air Force rotations of controllers come and go. The flying service does four-month rotations in the theater. The Army does 12-month tours.

"These guys, they're the continuity for us," said Master Sgt. Brian Brannen, from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. "They're the ones we go to."

Cole said, "We've trained a lot of people ere."

While the controllers talked, they also moved various aircraft in and out of the base. A C-17 left. A remote-controlled Predator surveillance aircraft landed and rolled across the runway. The Army sent off one of its C-23 Sherpas. A Russian cargo jet

came in and an Air Force C-130 requested fuel before it left. While this might be a day to remember at a base that normally sees mainly fighters or tankers or cargo aircraft, the mixed batch of aircraft didn't raise an evebrow in

"Here," said Brannen, "you get a little bit of everything."

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Spc. Erin Korich, an air traffic controller with the 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment from Katterbach, Germany, talks to a pilot from the tower on Balad Air Base, Iraq. Army and Air Force controllers work side by side directing a variety of aircraft into the base.

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General defends Guard training at Dona Ana

BY SCOTT GOLD Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — The chief of the National Guard said Friday that an informal inquiry at an Army base where soldiers have alleged they are being poorly trained found instead that they are being prepared "to be successful and survive their mis-

Soldiers aired concerns over preparedness and alleged mistreatment

cion in Iraa

"Are they finely honed and ready to go today? No," said Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, adding that he has found some problems at the Fort Bliss Training Complex, which straddles the Texas-New Mexico Line

"But that's why they've got more training to do."

Since soldiers at the Army's Dona Ana Range leveled their charges in a Los Angeles Times article. however. additional

guard members have come forward to reiterate the battalion's concerns.

"We're not being prepared for our mission," one sergeant said in a telephone interview Thursday night. "A lot of times we don't even know what our mis-

The soldiers said the training was so poor that they fear there will be needless casualties in

Blum, who has served in the National Guard since 1968, was appointed chief by President Bush last spring. He oversees the half-million people who serve in the Army and Air National Guards.

The soldiers, members of a Modesto, Calif-based battalion of the California Army National Guard, said they are under lock-down at Dona Ana, a former World War II prisoner-of-war camp, and are being treated more like prisoners than soldiers.

diers.
Although supportive of the war
in Iraq and eager to serve, they
said that they have received very
little training that would prepare
them for the missions they expect
to face when they arrive overseas
in January or February. For example, they said, they have had
virtually no instruction regarding
convoy protection or guarding
convoy insurgents' roadside
bombs.

At the center of their allegations is the changing role of the National Guard and reservists, who, as the war in Iraq continues, have been moved rapidly to the front lines. About 40 percent of the troops in Iraq are either National Guard soldiers or reserv-

a. The guard troops at Dona Ana have alleged that the military commanders do not trust then to go to war, and have implemented a two-tiered training regimen—one for them and one for their active-duty counterparts. The Army denies it, and Blum said he found no evidence of "second-class citi-zen stuff" after visiting Fort Bliss and Dona Ana on Thursday and Friday.

Blum said it has not been easy to change the role of the National Guard, but that he embraces its new mission.

"This country should never go to war for any reason without the National Guard," he said. "When you call up the guard, you call up America... Does it make it politically harder? Absolutely. It should be a hard decision to send young men and women to war."

Blum said his visit did reveal some shortcomings in the National Guard's training, but he said he believes the issues will now be addressed.

For instance, he said, commanders probably should have given the soldiers more time off; the soldiers said they received one day off before Thanksgiving since they were activated in August. And Blum said the training regimen has not been adequately explained to soldiers, leaving some with the impression that their training is substandard.

"Leadership has an obligation to explain it to the last guy in the last rank." he said.



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IN THE WORLD

Egypt releases Israeli Arab in prisoners swap

BY REVITAL LEVY-STEIN The Associated Press

EILAT, Israel - Egypt freed an Israeli Arab man convicted of spying in exchange for Israel's rease of six Egyptian students Sunday, a swap that signaled a warming of relations that had been severely strained by the four-year-old Palestinian upris-

Israel may also release Palestinian prisoners in the future. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said

Egypt released Azzam Azzam, who was sentenced in 1997 to 15 vears in prison after an Egyptian court convicted him of espionage. At the time, Azzam ran a textile factory in Egypt, and Israel has

denied he was an agent. The case against Azzam was based, in part, on a pair of women's undergarments soaked in invisible ink allegedly found in Azzam's suitcase. Egyptian officials accused him of giving the undergarments to an Egyptian accomplice, who used the invisible ink to pass Israel information on Egyptian factories.

Israel, in turn, released six Egyptian students who had sneaked into the country in August and were arrested on suspicion they tried to kidnap Israeli soldiers and commandeer a tank.

Azzam's imprisonment has been a key point of friction be-tween Israel and Egypt, whose ties remain cool despite their 1979 peace treaty, and the stu-dents' arrest had angered many in Egypt. But Israel's relations with the Palestinians and with Egypt have been steadily improving since the death last month of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The transfer took place at the Taba crossing between Israel and Egypt. After Azzam crossed into Israel, he was taken to a nearby airport at the Red Sea resort of Eilat. Israeli security officials who accompanied Azzam said he cried and flashed a victory sign as he emerged from the van

Several hours later, he boarded a small military aircraft, smiling and waving before takeoff



Azzam Azzam, an Israeli Arab accused of spying in Egypt for Israel arrives at the court building in Cairo for a session of his trial in 1997. The convicted man, jailed since 1996, was returned to Israel in exchange for six Egyptian students.

Asked by reporters how he was, he said: "Very good. Thank you, thank you."

Azzam,, 42, briefly spoke to his wife Amal, as well as to Sharon, from Eilat. "Azzam, I can't be-lieve it's you," his wife told him, looking faint and emotional as the family cheered in the back-ground.

Sharon said in a statement Sunday that he was considering releasing an unspecified number of Palestinian prisoners as part of the swap with Egypt. More than 7,000 Palestinians are being held by Israel.

The arrests of the six Egyptian university students - and the recent shooting deaths of three Egyptian policemen by Israelis along the border - had inflamed public sentiments in Egypt.

Israeli officials said the six crossed into Egypt after their release.

An Egyptian security official said the students may face charges in Egypt for illegally crossing the border.

Soldier threatens to blow up army depot

CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAG-NE, France — Angry about being forced to retire, a French soldier holed himself up in an army depot containing 60 tons of explosives and threatened to blow it up Sunday, officials said. Authorities led an evacuation of hundreds of residents from nearby villag-

The 46-year-old warrant officer seized control of the warehouse Saturday where he works near the town of Fere-Champenoise, about 60 miles east of Paris, the officials said.

Rescue workers fanned out in three villages around the depot to escort some 400 residents beyond the safety perimeter, said Jean-Luc Guillemoto, a government official in the Marne region.

Dozens of police officers blocked off a mile perimeter around the warehouse, which contains some 60 tons of explosives - mostly anti-tank mines. Officers tried to coax out the man, who was identi-fied only by the surname Le Drohic, a military spokesman

UNICEF says more than 170 million children worldwide are underfed

BY SADAQAT JAN The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - More than 170 million children worldwide are malnourished and 120 million never attend school, the executive director of the U.N. children's agency said Sunday, citing the critical role volunteers play in improving the lives of youths everywhere.

UNICEF chief Carol Bellamy also underlined the challenges of improving primary health care for children around the world, as she opened an international conference in the Pakistani capital to encourage volunteerism at aid agencies and in government.

"Children under the age of 5 are still dving at a rate of nearly 10 million a year from preventable causes like diarrhea, measles and acute respiratory infections," she told delegates at the conference.

More than 170 million children globally remain malnourished, and over 120 million young people, many of them girls, "never see the inside of a " said Bellamy, who arrived in the Pakistani capital Sunday for a three-day visit to discuss cooperation in health and education projects

Literacy rates are low in Pakistan. UNICEF estimates that three out of every 10 children aged 5 to 9 vear never go to school, and dropout rates are high Of those children who enroll, only half reach fifth grade, according to UNICEF.

Also addressing the conference, Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz invited volunteers to help Pakistan's government to fight "social challenges

"We recognize that the government alone cannot fight against illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty and

many other challenges," he said.

"The spirit of volunteerism is at the heart of all of



Carol Bellamy, UNICEF's executive director, spoke at a conference in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Sunday, and praised volunteers, citing their critical role in helping governments and aid agencies.

our efforts to build a better future and a better future for every child," Bellamy said.

Bellamy is scheduled to hold talks with Aziz on Monday, then she plans to travel to the eastern city of Lahore to meet with senior government officials on UNICEF-assisted projects in Punjab province.

UNICEF is assisting with projects in child educa tion, health care and the protection of women's and children's rights in Pakistan, an impoverished country of about 150 million people.

5.4 magnitude quake hits western Germany

BERLIN - An earthquake struck western Germany near the French border early Sunday, but there were no reports of major damage or injuries, officials said.

The magnitude 5.4 quake, with an epicenter near the German town of Waldkirch, occurred about 2:52 a.m., Germany's geological center in Freiburg said. France's national seismological center had earlier reported that the quake had a 4.9 magnitude.

German and French authorities said hundreds of people telephoned seeking information about the temblor, but there were no reports of major damage or injuries. The earthquake could be felt in a 150-mile radius, seismologist Wolfgang Bruestle said. He said the epicenter was lucky to escape much damage.

"That is really amazing for this strength," Bruestle said.

Mine explosion kills 23 in Kazakhstan

ALMATY, Kazakhstan - Twenty-three people died and three others were injured Sunday in an explosion at a coal mine in the Karagan-da region, officials said. Eighty-seven miners were working at the mine in the town of Shakhtinsk about 120 miles south of the capital. Astana, when the blast occurred at 3:08 a.m., said regional administration spokesman Zhanibek Sadykanov.

Two injured miners were hospitalized and a third was released after treatment, he said.

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the European edition of STARS AND STRIPES on the December 20th & 21st. Wishlists must be emailed before December 15th

Rubens' paintings wow Austrian museum visitors

BY SUSANNA LOOF The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria - Visitors to Vienna's museums can't seem to get enough of Peter Paul Rubens'

voluptuous art. Three Vienna museums on Sunday opened a joint exhibit featuring more than 100 Rubens paintings. The opening coincided with the very last day of a three-month Rubens retrospective at the prestigious Albertina museum that displayed more than 160 pieces, including works on loan from places such as the Louvre and Windsor Castle.

The Albertina show was a resounding success, with about 230,000 visitors coming to see the drawings, oil sketches and paintspokesman Stefan Musil said. The exhibit was organized in conjunction with the Metropolitan Museum in New York, which will show parts of it starting Jan. 15.

The new, three-museum exhibit, which ends Feb. 27, could also attract more than 200,000 visitors, said Wilfried Seinel, the director of the renowned art history Kunsthistorisches Museum which is organizing the new exhibit together with the Liechtenstein Museum and the Painting Gallery of Vienna's Academy of Fine Arts.

"There's still a demand. The visitors are streaming in," Seipel said, standing contentedly in the middle of a crowd ogling the opulent paintings. "The Albertina exhibit was a good preparation for this."

The joint exhibit came about because Vienna is home to several Rubens masternieces, making the city one of the most important Rubens cities besides Antwerp, the Flemish master's hometown in Belgium, Seipel said, Several museums across the world have put on Rubens exhibits in 2004. which has been dubbed the Rubens Year

Rubens has a popular appeal because of "his genius and his versatility," Seipel said. "Everyone who is interested in paintings can get something out of it." he

Masterpieces on display include the eight-painting The Decius Mus Cycle from 1616 and 1617 at the Liechtenstein Museum. Visitors to the Kunsthistorisches can admire large-scale altarpieces such as The Ildefonso

Altarpiece, while the Academy of Fine Art show focuses on oil sketches

Visitors can choose to visit the three museums on different days, "but to view all in one day is a special experience," Seipel said.

The ticket price of visitors between the museums. The discount - buying admission tickets to the three museums separately would cost appeals to Mona Kotkata, a 29-year-old art history student.

"It's a great idea, especially be-cause of the price," she said. "Vienna museums have gotten so expensive, unfortunately. Visiting a museum shouldn't be a luxury, it's something everyone should be able to do.

But isn't there a limit to how much Rubens one can digest in one day? Not so, said Kotkata, who planned to devote her entire Sunday to Rubens by visiting not only the three museums but also the Albertina show

"I don't think you'll get an overload; instead, you'll get a more in-depth perception of his works," she said at the second stop of her Rubens tour. "He paints superbly. He conveys the Baroque feeling, the enjoyment

France considering anonymous résumés

BY ELAINE GANLEY The Associated Press

PARIS - What's in a name? A job, or at least a foot in the door. says Fatima Talbi.

Fed up with job rejections, she briefly took a new name, one that "sounds French." to test her theory that bosses give foreign-sounding names such as hers the brush-off. To her dismay, she was

Identifying herself as Catherine Lecomte on her résumé, Talbi — who is French — quickly got an interview after two rejections for the same job using her real name.

"I was satisfied that I could prove this, but I was disappointed to have reached that point, changing my name to get there," said 33-year-old Talbi. "It's piti-

ston

ui. In the land where "liberty, where equality and fra-ternity" is en-graved on coins, Talbi's plight is all too familiar. The discrimination does not iobs. at French of Arab, African or Asian

backgrounds who want to rent housing or even go nightclubbing often get doors slammed in their To heat the

bias, some in France are pushing for a unique response, haps untried anywhere else in the world: Anony mous résumés

A proposal being studied by lawmakers next to her curriculum vitae, or would require résumé, right, and the same one companies with but a fake name and no picture on more than 250 it in Paris. French lawmakers are employees to accept only ré-sumés without candidates'

names, sex, age, anonymous CVs, without name, address or photo- sex. age address or photograph. graph to give all

Prospects that the proposal will be legislated in parliament dimmed last week when a leading lawmaker from President Jacques Chirac's governing

a foreign-sounding name, sits

next to her curriculum vitae, or

studying a proposal to require

companies with more than 250

employees to accept only

party, Bernard Accover, voiced his opposition. But even if parliament doesn't act, France's national employment agency, known as ANPE, is launching a program at the end of January to test anonymous résumés in the Rhone-Alpes region of southeast France. AXA, one of

the world's largest insurance com-

panies, plans to do the same That authorities are going to such lengths highlights failures of France's much-vaunted model of integration, which aims to assimilate immigrants by instilling in them the cultural values of their adopted country - at the expense

Many of those facing discrimination are, like Talbi, descendants of immigrants from France's former colonies in Muslim North Africa

Their parents crossed the Mediterranean in the 1950s to provide the manual labor the French refused to do.

France for years assumed this immigration was temporary and its policies failed to keep up with the curve. There are no firm figures on the total number of immigrants and their descendants because French law forbids identifying people by their ethnic origin. But the Muslim population is estimated at 5 million, the biggest in Western Europe.

New arrivals lived in shanty-

towns, later upgraded to housing

projects ring major cities. Today fallen into disrepair, they are often infested with gangs and crime and breed isolation and despair

School hecame the great leveler, the instrument bv which children of immigrants were meant to

fashioned

into the national mold Even today, the notion that schools can resolve deeply rooted cultural thrives. This year, France hegan banning Muslim

scarves and other religious symbols from the class-Fatima Talbi, a French citizen with room

"Schools French out of little immigrants. The problem is

that French, when it's time to find a iob, end up [being treated like] their fa-thers," said soci-

an equal chance of getting that critical first interview. ologist Philippe Bataille. Today, it is four to five times more difficult for people from immigrant backgrounds to find work than for those of French origin, said Pascal Otheguy, deputy prefect of the Rhone-Alpes region, in charge of the ANPE

project.
"We have a problem," Otheguy

Some cold realities are behind the push for anonymous curricuvitaes

Within 10 years, some 40 percent of France's active population will be retiring, so companies need to be encouraged to hire more people of foreign origins, he

"We're going to try to use this economic force to fight discrimi-nation," Otheguy said in a tele-phone interview. "It's an opportunity. The price of nonintegration

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Kean says moment for intel reform bill may have passed

BY JAMES GORDON MEEK
New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — If President Bush fails to strong-arm stubborn House Republicans into passing an intelligence reform bill this week, other elements of his agenda will also be put in jeopardy, the head of the Sept. 11 commissions with the strong stron

"Congress becomes dysfunctional if the president and Congress can't get these big issues taken care of, and then we're all in trouble," said Thomas Kean, the Republican who led the Sept. 11 investigation.

Kean, a former governor of New Jersey, said Bush might never again have as much political might behind a major piece of legislation

"It'll be a long time before there's another bill with the support of the Republican and Democratic leadership in both Houses and the support of 80 percent of the American people in the polls," Kean told the New York Daily News. Congress reconvenes in a rare winter session Monday, but Kean wearily said he fears the moment to pass the bill could be lost.

Republican leaders have raised the possibility of returning next month before the next Congress is sworn in to vote on the intelligence bill if there is a breakthrough.

After winning reelection, Bush said he "earned [political] capital ... and I'm going to spend it" — championing reforms of the tax code and Social Security.

But those goals might be left in doubt if Bush can't check off intelligence reform from his 2004 to-do list.

"I believe it will pass, but there's a chance it won't. It's not a slam dunk," Kean said with a heavy sigh.

Both he and Lee Hamilton, the Democrat who is vice chairman of the Sept. 11 panel, have expressed frustration over the blocking maneuvers by two House GOP leaders.

Kean's allies on Capitol Hill be-

lieve the Sept. 11 bill has fallen victim to a Republican-on-Republican political feud. It involves payback by House conservatives to Senate Republicans and the White House for rolling them on unrelated issues, he said.

"They decided to put their feet in cement and picked our bill to do it, almost to teach the President a lesson," Kean said. "That's what I'm told."

Kean admitted that the ups and downs of overhauling the entire intelligence establishment are tough to fathom.

"A lot of this has been confusing since the day the President called and asked me to do this," Kean said half-jokingly.

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., has opposed giving the bill a vote by claiming that Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Richard Myers fears losing control over combat support spy satelites. But Myers said last week his concern about the bill had to do with budget authorities and that "was taken care of."



Thomas Koon

Defying the House committee that oversees the Pentagon "is not easy to do if you're the Joint Chiefs chairman, and it takes a lot of gumption," Kean said, praising Myers.

Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, is pushing to deny illegal aliens driver's licenses — but aides admit he was willing to drop the issue at Bush's request in an earlier compromise agreement.

If the bill fails, Kean said, "We'll put something together next year, but it'll probably be six to nine months and won't be anywhere near as complete as this is."

Bin Laden trail gone cold, says Musharraf

BY ROBIN WRIGHT AND PETER BAKER The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said Saturday that the search for Osama bin Laden has gone completely cold, with no recent intelligence indicating where he and his top lieutenants are hiding.

More than three years after al-quaids attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon Killed almost 3,000 people, Musharraf insisted that Pakistani forces are still aggressively pursuing the world's most notorious terrorist. But he actions to the properties of the pr

"He is alive but more than that, where he is, no, it'll be just a guess and it won't have much basis," Musharraf said in an interview with Washington Post editors and reporters. Pressed on whether the trail had gone cold, he said, "Yes, if you mean we don't know, from that point of view, we don't know where he is."

The United States shares major responsibility, Musharraf suggested, because the U.S.-led coalition does not have enough troops in Afghanistan, which has left words." The United States and its allies need to expedite training and expansion of the new Afghan army as the only viable alternative he said.

Challenges in Afghanistan would be better dealt with "if the Afghan national army is raised faster, in more strength, so that they can reach out to fill these voids that I am talking about, where U.S. forces or coalition

forces are not there." he said.
The hunt for al-Qaida is also foundering because of the diffuse array of groups under its umbrela. Pakistain forces are usually not even certain who or what factions they are pursuing in the treacherous tribal regions along its border with Afghanistan, Musharraf said, speaking shortly after a meeting with President

La. GOP, Dems trade congressional seats

By ADAM NOSSITER

NEW ORLEANS — Republicans picked up a congressional seat in southern Louisiana on Saturday, but gave another right back to Democrats in a second, much closer runoff election that was also in Caiun country.

A longtime Democratic bastion in Louisians 3rth District went to Republican Charles Boustany, a retired heart surgeon. With 94 percent of the precincts reporting, Boustany had 72,223 votes or 55 percent, and Democratic state Sen. Willie Landry Mount had \$8,968 or 45 percent.

Farther south, Billy Tauzin III narrowly lost a race to succeed his retiring father, a Republican House of Representatives powerhouse. In the 3rd District, with 100 percent of precincts reporting, Democrat Charles Melancon had 57,609 votes, and Tauzin trailed him by barely 500 votes, with 57,092.

Louisiana has no law requiring an automatic recount of a close election. All absentee votes were included, and no clerks reported provisional ballots.

Tauzin said he was waiting for the voting machines to be opened Tuesday, but didn't anticipate a challenge.

In his victory speech, Melancon said the close vote was a call for unity. In an echo of the campaign he added: "Young Billy Tauzin, at some point in time, he's going to make a wonderful public servant."

The last bits of unfinished business from the 2004 congressions election season, both races were marked by heavy negative campaigning and light voter interest. The runoffs were necessary because none of the candidates won a 50 percent majority.

Vice President Dick Cheney and Democratic Gov. Kathleen Blanco tried to drum up enthusiasm for their candidates, but parish officials said turnout was extremely low with voters apparently turned off by a relentless barrage of attack ads.

In the 3rd District along Louisiana's swampy southern coast, Melancon, a former state representative, derided his 31-year-old opponent as a callow fraternity boy who was trying to inherit the seat from his 12-term incumbent father, Rep. Billy Tauzin Sr.

Tauzin returned fire, calling Melancon a liberal who has voted in favor of sex-education for small children.

Republicans poured money into the other race, where Boustany portrayed Mount, a state senator, as a tax-happy liberal. Mount, in turn, accused Boustany of favoring tax cuts for the rich and not caring enough about reforming health care.

Boustany will fill the seat being vacated by Democratic Rep. Chris John, who ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate this year.

Airliner searched for explosives

LOS ANGELES — Authorities searched an Air France airliner at Los Angeles International Airport early Saturday for explosives that disappeared during a French police training exercise at an airport outside Paris, officials said.

No explosives were found on Flight 70, which arrived late Friday after a flight from Charles de Gaulle Airport.

Three other airliners that had left Charles de Gaulle were searched at New York City's John F. Kennedy International, said Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Nora Brew-

Kennedy Center given \$10 million

WASHINGTON — Kennedy Center Chairman Stephen Schwarzman donated \$10 million to the arts institution Saturday, the center's largest single gift this year.

"It is important for the head of a major institution to lead by ex-

ample. This is consistent with that," said Schwarzman, who made his amouncement during the chairman's brunch, a major event during the whirl of activity of the Kennedy Center Honors weekend, (Warren Beatty, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, Elton John, Joan Sutherland and John Williams are this year's honorees.) "My wife has a real interest in the theater," Schwarzman said.

"This is a way of doing something where hopefully I can please her as well as serve as a leadership gift."

From wire reports



NASCAR goes Navv



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2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion Kurt Busch stands on the flight deck of the USS Intrepid on Friday at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum at Pier Se in New York City. Busch was in New York City for the NASCAR Nextel Cup Banquet held Friday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria, where he was presented a check for 55.3 million.

Cyberterrorism could cripple U.S. economy, ex-CIA director warns

BY PAM EASTON

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Cyberterrorism could be the most devastating weapon of mass destruction yet and could cripple the U.S. economy, former CIA Director Robert Gates said at a terrorism conference Saturday.

Gates, who became Texas A&M University's president in 2002 about a decade after he left the CIA, cited as an example the "love bug" virus that overwhelmed computer systems around the world in 2000.

"When a teenage hacker in the Philippines overnight can wreak \$10 billion in damage to the U.S. economy by implanting a virus, imagine what a sophisticated, well-funded effort to attack the computer base of our economy could accomplish," said Gates, addressing the two-day conference at Rice University.

He said the CIA and National Security Agency conducted an exercise six years ago, assigning So computer specialists to see how hard it would be to shut down the nation's electric grid. It took only two days for the group to put itself in a position to do so, be said.

"All you have to do is look at what happened in the northeast when you had a tree fall on a line in rural Ohio," he said of a blackout that affected cities from Detroit to New York last year

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Shortage of radiologists leads to overseas twist

BY LINDSEY TANNER
The Associated Press

When a patient in Altoona, Pa.,

needs an emergency brain scan in the middle of the night, a doctor in Bangalore, India, is asked to interpret the results.

Spurred by a shortage of U.S. radiologists and an exploding demand for more sophisticated scans to diagnose scores of aliments, doctors at Altoona Hospital and dozens of other American hospitals are finding that offshore outsourcing works even in medicine.

Over the past few years, the number of nighttime emergency cases was swamping Altoona's seven radiologists.

"All of a sudden somebody was waking up all night to cover all this extra work," said radiologist Dr. Richard Wertz. And while that doctor was groggy, "we didn't have the luxury of that guy taking the next day off."

Using radiologists halfway around the world where it's daytime "solves that problem for us," Wertz said.

It's part of the growing telemedicine trend, with technology enabling the speedy transfer of medical data over the Internet to virtually anywhere there's a compatible computer. That means radiologists in Australia, India, Israel and Lebanon are reading scans on U.S. patients. Despite fears from some doctors, advocates insist offshore radiology is nothing like the nightmarish vision of seedy sweatshops stealing U.S. jobs and replacing them with unqualified cheap labor. Most of the doctors are U.S.-trained and licensed although there is at least one experiment using radiologists without U.S. training.

More typical is the Altona scenario, which involves doctors like Dr. Arjun Kalyanpur. A U.S.-licensed and credentialed radiologist, he got his postgraduate training at Yale University and runs a respected two-man service from Bangalore, India, called Teleradiology Solutions.

Images of U.S. patients' radiology scans are sent over the Internet to the Bangalore office. Radiologists there review the image, offer a preliminary diagnosis and fax back a written report — usually within about 30 minutes, Kalyanpur said.

"When Kalyanpur takes over, we all can get some sleep and really won't be tired the next day," Wertz said. Altoona radiologists now read overnight scans when they arrive in the morning and make the final diagnosis.

Facing the same phenomenon, radiologists at Chicago's Swedish Covenant Hospital hired an Australia-based company called international Teleradiology Corp. two years ago, said Dr. Bruce Silver, one of six staff radiologists. Now, U.S.-trained and licensed radiologists in Australia, Lebanon and Israel read overnight scans from Swedish Covenant.

Some call this practice "nighthawking," and one of the larged domestic companies offering such services is NightHawk Radiology, based in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The company says more than 500 U.S. hospitals now rely on its 35 radiologists — U.S.-born and trained — in Australia and Switzerland.

In recent years, demand has far exceeded the supply of U.S. radiologists. A trade journal reported earlier this year that there has been an average of four vacancies per radiology department at American academic centers in the past two years.

The use of teleradiology, including outsourcing, has improved on-call productivity and may have helped ease the shortage, radiology experts say. But worries remain

In May, an American College of Radiology task force warned it was "very concerned about the implications of overseas radiology and its potential effect on patient care in the United States."

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Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Teens: Beware of ID theft

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Young people, particularly teenagers, are at a higher risk than mature folks for identity theft. Experts at the Owest 2004

Experts at the Qwest 2004 Summit on Protecting Teens from Identity Theft found that teens tend to be more careless about sharing personal information, especially on the Internet.

So teenagers, here are some tips to help you keep your identity safe:

■ Be smart online. Since most identity theft is perpetrated on the Internet, learn about the scams out there. Don't give away personal information. Don't respond to e-mails asking for such personal information, even if they appear to be from a legitimate source. If you like to shop online, make sure you're on a secure Well site.

■ Know what can be used to steal your identity. Your Social Security number, drive's license, bank account and credit information are all important to protect. But even seemingly trivial information can give thieves or scammers an edge. Visit www.privacyactivism.org,

where the game "Carabella Goes to College" will show you how your personal information can be manipulated.

- Guard your personal information. Coaches, teachers, employers or other adults might ask for your Social Security number or additional personal information. Ask why it is needed, how it will be used and how the adult will protect it from theft. If you don't think the information is necessary, don't be afraid to
- Neither a borrower nor a lender be. Don't lend your driver's license, Social Security card or other form of personal identification to anyone — even your best friend.
- Check your credit. If you have a bank account or a credit card, review your statements for irregularities every month. Ask your parents about ordering your one free credit report each year from a credit-reporting agency. The report will list all credit accounts, loans and other debts in your pame.

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Give inspiration column a try

It all started with a simple request in a letter: "There should be a 'daily bread' column, something to encourage y-("Need inspiration column." Oct. 16).

First came the strikes against Christians of the past, assuming that is how we now act and that we approve of such past acts No one can justify the Crusades. They No one can justify the Crusates. Inc.
were wrong and contrary to the word of
God: "You shall not murder," Exodus
20:13; "Do not judge, and you will not be
judged," Luke 6:37; "... love your neighbor
as yourself," Mark 12:31. There were many atrocities committed in the name of Christianity (as other religions), but they were contrary to God's word.

In agreement with another letter, man does not know God's thoughts: " ... no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spir it of God," 1 Corinthians 2:11. Yet we do understand the attributes, character and what is required of us. He wrote them down in a book. Also, by reading we see a history of those who obeyed God. and those who rejected God. We see how their acts determined the well-being of their na-

A letter mentioned that "America is fi nally starting to adopt a more liberal frame of mind." Don't you see that will be our country's undoing? From murder to same-sex marriage, it is all contrary to God's desires. Eventually this country will succeed in completely removing God from it, unless we boldly take a stand.

How is it that a country whose very con stitution was built around God, now has a people crying that certain religious acts are unconstitutional? "See to it that no one are unconstitutional? See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and de-ceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ," Colossians 2:8

Would it be so wrong to have half a page devoted to some scripture, prayers, thoughts, and Christian news? Would the word of God, words of love, kindness to your neighbor, and good morals hurt any-one? "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus,' Philippians 4:7 Would words of encourage

ment in times of trial be of a hindrance?

I say, run the column. "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that takes refuge in Him," Psalms 34:8.

Sgt. Adam Dumont Forward Operating Base Speicher, Iraq

All religious fanatics a threat

I am very angry about the holyroller responses to the letter "Keep religion in the church," (Nov. 14). It appears that these defenders of fundamentalist, literal Christianity have failed to either read their Scriptures and understand their implications in today's society, or they are secret-ly desiring the replacement of our free so-ciety by a Christian Taliban-style government. If it is the latter, I swear to resist and revolt against all attempts to impose your dangerous beliefs upon me and all free people.

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All who think that our nation was founded as a Christian nation are seriously deluded about America's origins, and I urge that all non-Christians stand up to this rein terpretation of history with the facts. I suggest all readers find a copy of the new book "The End of Faith" by Sam Harris and read it. Then, let's hear what you have to say about the fact that those who are kill ing us today are doing so "in the name of God" and the only reason why all Jews, Christians and Muslims are not out in the street killing one another is that very eral" interpretation/ignorance of what their Scriptures actually command.

I fear that one day not far from now a re ligionist of any of these faiths is going to use a weapon of mass destruction on a large city and decide to take us all to heaven or hell with him. He would have plenty of justification from any of these scriptures he chooses. So get your religion out of our faces and out of our lives: Any attempt to use violence for any "god" or to secure a theocracy in America will not be tolerated

Spc. Alexander Hickey Forward Operating Base Speicher, Iraq

Make the most of training

I'm a solider with 2nd Battalion, 130th Field Artillery stationed in Baghdad. I agree that maybe National Guard units being deployed don't get the right training, but unless you know exactly what you are going to do then it doesn't matter much. Whatever training you get, it is designed to get you started and prepare you to go to war, it won't teach you everything. You need to take what they give you and improve on it or add to it as you see fit.

My battalion went through mobilization in 27 days and got to spend five hours with our families before we left. We were sent here to do a job that we weren't trained to do. Yeah, you may think you got it rough but there are others who had it rougher. People die in war and no matter how much training or how good the equipment you have, nothing will ever change that.

So quit whining about your training and

equipment and do your job the best you can. You're soldiers, suck it up and drive on

Spc. Alan Entrikin Camp Slayer, Iraq

Thanks for Thanksgiving

To the dining staff, workers, overseers, security and all who worked Thanksgiving Day: You'll never know how very nice you made my Thanksgiving by all the work you went to that day. The food was great, so many things to choose from, so wonder-fully prepared. I've never ever seen such an awesome display of "Thanksgiving" in my life.

This was my first Thanksgiving away

from my family, and you helped me to really dwell on what to be thankful for. The ice sculptures, especially the vase with the Bible and scripture meant the most to me. I was so excited, I ran and got a camera. I wanted to share these blessings with my family.

To all the workers: May God bless you for all your sacrifices. You touched many a life on Thanksgiving Day. Thank you! Pat Jacques

Camp Doha, Kuwait

Thanksgiving not so special

Thank you, Halliburton. My first Thanksgiving in Iraq was wonderful. I didn't notice that it was a holiday until I had to go to bed hungry. My platoon's workload didn't change. The cold desert night didn't change. Nothing changed until we finished for the night, took off our coats and gloves and went to breakfast to get something hot inside us before going to bed. What we got on Thanksgiving was a continental breakfast.

I got up in the afternoon and started my day with Thanksgiving dinner. It was a good meal, but turkey isn't the best thing to begin a night shift with, and it wasn't good enough to make up for going to bed cold and hungry. So thank you, Hallibur-ton, but in the future I can do without the dining facility making my holidays quite so special.

Staff Sgt. Ryan McCarthy Camp Bucca, Iraa

No link between sports, Iraq

In response to the letter "Pro athletes go too far," (Nov. 24): First and foremost, I found it insulting that it closed with "Is this what we are fighting for in Iraq?" It was written from England; therefore the writer is not fighting in Iraq, and efforts to associate the NBA, NFL, NHL or any other sport with this fight is ignorant.

Like a lot of people, the writer used this to give his opinions validity. If he has served or is being deployed here to serve, then maybe he needs to rethink what it is he is going to be fighting for. Myself and the other thousands of servicemembers are fighting to keep terrorists out of Ameri ca, not so a guy can make \$5 million a year playing a game. Sgt. Nick Stansberry

Tikrit, Iraq BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Panel sees little of value in United Nations

New York Daily News

ell, Kofi Annan at least can what his lucky stars that the United Nations' blue-ribbon reform panel did not specifically recommend that sons of sitting secretaries-general refrain from stuffing their pockets with shady oil moneys. But that's all the good news hell find in a report that releantlessly paints Annan's United Nations as a bloated slug of a do-nothing organization that has utterly failed to be even semi-competent in any of its global missions:

"The biggest source of inefficiency in our collective security institutions has simply been an unwillingness to get serious about preventing deadly violence."

"Too often, the United Nations and its member states have discriminated in responding to threats to international security."

ty."
"We have been struck once again by the glacial speed at which our institutions have responded to massive human rights violations in Darfur, Sudan."

"The nuclear nonproliferation regime is now at risk because of lack of compliance with existing commitments."

"One of the reasons why states may want

to bypass the Security Council is a lack of confidence in the quality and objectivity of its decision-making. The Council's decisions have often been less than consistent, less than persuasive and less than fully responsive to very real state and human security needs ... very often acting too late, too hesitantly or not at all."

"There is little or no expertise for tackmany of the new or emerging threats." In short, says Annan's High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change, the United Nations is not even dysfunctional so much as it is altogether nonfunctional. Or,

to put it another way, useless.
Which comes as no large surprise, but
it's one more thing Annan will have to address sooner or later, even as cries for his
resignation grow more insistent amid cascades of revelations that have cast such unflattering light upon his various cronies
and kin.

It's just one thing after another these days in Kofiland, what with the disclosure that Saddam Hussein ripped off the United Nations' oil-for-food program for as much as \$21 billion and what with having to own up to the fact that young Kojo Annan was paid \$150,000 or so by a contractor hired by the United Nations to



help monitor the program.

By "sooner or later," of course, we do mean "later." Speaking of glacial speed, Annan's United Nations is not required to respond to any of the panel's harsh evaluations until September.

Report shows how leaders can make world safer

BY KOFI ANNAN

ver the last 10 years or so, the world has come much closer to agreeing on what is needed to achieve development and break the grip of extreme poverty. Three key international meetings

Annan

on what is needed to evelopment and break poverty. Three key international meetings — the U.N. Millennis um Summit in 2000 and the U.N. conferences in Monterrey, Mexico, and Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2002 — have led to a remarkable degree of and

consensus on how to

annan grow economies, alleviate poverty and protect the environment.

achieve the eight "millennium development goals" we set for ourselves by the target date of 2015 is still uncertain, but at least we have agreement on what needs to

be done. Regrettably, we are still some way from a similar consensus on how to make the world more secure. There, things have, if anything, gotten worse in the last few years. A moment of global solidarity against terrorism in 2001 was quickly replaced by actimonious arguments over the placed by actimolical tumor dout to be symptomatic of deeper divisions on fundamental unestions.

How can we best protect ourselves against terrorism and weapons of mass destruction? When is the use of force permissible—and who should decide? Is "preventive war" sometimes justified, or is it simply aggression under another name? And, in a world that has become "unipolar," what role should the United Nations plan?

Those new debates came on top of earlier ones that arose in the 1990s. Is state sovereignty an absolute principle, or does the international community have a responsibility to prevent or resolve conflicts within states — especially when they involve genomiates—especially when they involve genome to the proper of the department of the properties of the world and from different fields of experties—politi-

I asked them to assess the threats facing humanity today and recommend how we need to change, in both our policies and our institutions, to meet those threats.

Thursday, they delivered their report, "A More Secure World — Our Shared Responsibility," with 101 recommendations for forging a common response to common threats. The report reaffirms the right of states to defend themselves, including pre-emptively when an attack is imminent, and says that in "nightmare scenarios" for instance, those combining terrorists and weapons of mass destruction — the U.N. Security Council may have to act earli er, more proactively and more decisively than in the past. And it offers guidelines to help the Security Council decide when to authorize the use of force -- both in dealing with external threats and in exercising its responsibility to protect people from mass atrocities committed within the borders of a sovereign state.

No less useful is the panel's achievement in reaching a consensus on a definition of terrorism — something that U.N. members have been unable to do over the years. It may not seem like a difficult term to define but, in fact, we were stymied. Some argued that any definition must include the use of armed force against civilians by states.

well as by private groups, and some — especially Arab and Muslim states — insisted that the definition must not override the right of peoples to resist foreign occupation.

But the panel members (including several eminent Muslim representatives) point out that international law as it stands is already clear in condemning large-scale use of force against civilians by states, and they agree "there is nothing in the fact of occupation that justifies the targeting and killing of civilians."

If governments follow their lead — as I hope they will — it will be much easier for the United Nations to develop a comprehensive counterterrorism strategy and for me to take the lead in promoting such a strategy, as the report asks me to do.

The report also contains a welter of practical proposals to prevent nuclear proliferation, improve biosecurity and make the United Nations itself more effective, notably in prevention and peace-building.

Among the most significant changes reommended is the expansion of the Security Council from 15 to 24 members — either by adding six new permanent members, without veto power, or by creating a new category of four-year, renewable seats, which would be regionally distributed.

I believe either formula would strength-

en the council's legitimacy and authority in the eyes of the world by bringing its membership closer to the realities of the 21st century — as opposed to those of 1945, when the U.N. Charter was drafter

Above all, the report clearly spells out the interconnectedness of our age, in which the destinies of peoples and the threast they face are intervowen. Not only is a threat against all, but failure to deal with one threat can undermine our defense against all the others. A major terrorist attack in the heart of the industrial world can devastate the world economy, plunging millions tate the world economy, plunging millions or the state of the state of the state of the company of the state of the world connected against plot in our common defense against terrorism and epidemic disease.

Few people could read this report and doubt that making this world more secure is a shared responsibility, as well as a shared interest.

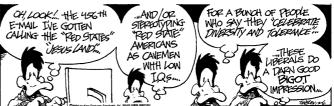
It tells us how to do this and why we

must act now. It puts the ball firmly in the court of the world's political leaders. It is for them to negotiate the details, but I strongly urge them to act on the main thrust of the recommendations.

Kofi Annan is secretary-general of the United Nations. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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'Bridget Jones' sequel faced tricky obstacle of one actor and two characters

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LOS ANGELES - For Colin Firth, playing Mr. Darcy is old hat. He first portraved the spooty Brit in the '90s TV miniseries "Pride and Prejudice" and then as his modern reincarnation Mark Darcy in the "Bridget Jones" films. He's not as familiar, however, with playing himself.

In Helen Fielding's novel "Bridget Jones: The Edge of "," the basis for the film of the same name, the irrepressible Bridget, now a "serious" journalist, interviews her screen idol Colin Firth - coincidentally, the same actor who plays her boyfriend in the film.

The scene never made it to the screen

"It starts to get confusing. There was never any talk of Colin Firth appearing as a character," Firth tells Zap2it.com. In fact, during contract negotiations for 1999's "Bridget Jones's Diary," he was assured that — should the sequel film ever be made - there were "no plans to feature a character named Colin Firth.

Nevertheless, director Beeban Kidron still wrestled with the dilemma when she began developing "Edge of Reason." One possible solution that was immediately discarded involved casting another

actor to play the Firth character. "We decided [that] was perhaps a little postmodern for the middle of the movie," says Kidron with a laugh

The filmmakers even discussed casting a different celebrity as the object of Bridget's fascination, but even-

tually the entire episode fell by the wayside. "We talked about it and we talked

about it and we could not find a solution that didn't break the fourth wall," explains Kidron. "We could find lots of solutions ... but every time it seemed like it stopped the emo-

Fans still hoping to see Bridget in a starstruck stupor over the actor won't be denied completely though. "One day after filming, I asked Renee and Colin to stay

behind. "Renee staved in character, while The scene isn't meant

Colin changed into his own clothes and came back as himself," says Kidron. "[So] we did film Renee as Bridget Jones interviewing Colin, which I've recently cut together and will go on the DVD."

The scene isn't meant to be part of the film. rather it was conceived as a stand-alone bonus.

Adds Kidron, "It was written, if not exactly as the book There are a few treats for you in it, but I don't think I should say more."

Springsteen pushes trade

With Santa Claus coming to town, Bruce Springsteen is hoping that holiday gifts will be purchased in



where The Boss rose to fame Springsteen is offering 10 people a pair of tickets to his Dec. 19 show at Harry's Roadhouse, along with the opportunity to meet him. But the only way

bury Park. N.J.

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to enter the contest is

to visit a shop in Asbury Park The contest is the latest effort by Springsteen to help local businesses, said Eileen Chapman, president of the Merchants Guild of Asbury Park

"Bruce has gotten on stage and listed all the merchants in Asbury Park, actually gone down the whole list and encouraged people at his concerts to shop the stores in

Asbury," Chapman said. Fans have until the end of business on Dec. 18 to enter. Winners will be notified by telephone that night. No purchase is necessary, but there is a limit of one entry per person per day at each participating store. Entrants must be 21 and older.

'Empire Falls' for sale

Hundreds of props, costumes and other items used in making the TV movie "Empire Falls" will be put up for sale next week — just in time for Christmas.

"Empire Falls," about an economically

depressed mill town, was filmed last year in Waterville and Skowhegan, Maine. The movie is scheduled to air in May on HBO. Sale items include a pink cashmere

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sweater worn by Helen Hunt, painter's overalls worn by Paul Newman and silver spoons used by Newman's wife, Joanne Woodward. The auction also includes jackets and other costumes with the "Empire Falls" logo that were worn in football

The items will be sold Dec. 11-12 in the warehouse of the former Central Maine Power Co. office on Water Street, said locations manager Lynn "Kip" Kippax.

Three large gravestones will also be offered for sale

Jonesing for Cruise, Spielberg

"Free hugs and haircuts for Tom Cruise & Steven Spielberg" read one sign outside Savior Hair as a few giggling hairdressers tried to lure the actor and director into the salon in Naugatuck, Conn.

Cruise and Spielberg were on set filming scenes at the Uniroyal Chemical plant for War of the Worlds

based on H.G. Wells' novel about an invasion from outer space.

They arrived by helicopter and landed in a secluded parking lot behind the plant. But that didn't stop fans from lingering in front of police barri-

ers as early as 5 a.m. Friday to see if they could spot them.

"If I find Tom, I

want to bring him home with me. I'll say, 'You don't need a hote!! I have plenty of said Maria Furtado, a 56-year-old grandmother

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Pizza delivery scandal

FORT WORTH — A Fort Worth police officer has resigned three months after being accused of offering a pizza delivery driver a break on a traffic ticket in exchange for piz-

Officer David Towson, who had been on the force five years, resigned in October

after administrators recommended an indefinite suspension, which is the equivalent of being fired, police Lt. Abdul Pridgen said.

Towson, who was assigned to the traffic division, was placed on restricted duty in July after a pizza driver told internal affairs investigators that Towson offered to not write her a ticket if she would take pizzas to a certain address, Pridgen said.

Subway derailment

NEW YORK — An F train derailed near 34th Street and Sixth Avenue near Penn Station. No injuries were reported, but 57 passengers were evacuated from the train, which jumped the track.

Transit workers had been changing a rail, but had not locked it in place, causing the fourth car of the northbound train to derail about 300 feet south of 34th Street.

Fire officials reported a small fire resulted from the derailing, which was soon brought under control.

Hospital didn't break law

SPRINGFIELD — The state Supreme Court ruled that a hospital did not break the law by taking a patient off life support despite the wishes of his wife, who wanted his children to have the chance to say goodbye to him first.

The wife had asked doctors not to immediately withdraw life support after they determined Joseph Collins would not live long following a fall in April 1999. The doctors didn't wait and Collins died minutes before his children arrived at the hospital.

The family sued, arguing that the hospital had a duty to allow Andrea Collins to make health care decisions after doctors determined her husband couldn't make them himself, as required by state law.

But the court ruled that because doctors didn't include their determination in the patient's medical record, the hospital had no legal obligation to name a health care sur-

Man released from iail

NC CHARLOTTE — A man who was accused of molesting more than a dozen children in North Carolina has been set free after 14 years behind bars because the victims recanted.

James Bernard Parker wept as he walked out of a Brooklyn, N.Y., courthouse and embraced a sister he hadn't seen in 15 years. He had been given three life terms plus 60 years in prison for charges of molesting four children.

When Parker was charged in 1990, authorities said at least 19 children had been attacked in Monroe, where he lived. Police found



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no physical evidence, even though children told stories of being tied to trees and fed poisoned ice cream. They also gave a wide range of descriptions of their attacker.

After Parker was convicted in 1991, he wrote letters to several news organizations and legal groups maintaining his innocence and asking for help.

The Charlotte Observer ran stories in 2002 in which 15 reported victims and witnesses said the crimes never happened or that Parker wast't the attacker. The only three boys who testified against Parker have since signed affidavits saying Parker didn't commit the crimes.

Lincoln artifacts sell big

LOS ANGELES — A unique portrait of Abraham Lincoln sold for a record \$85,000 and a copy of Robert E. Lee's farewell address to his troops went for \$70,000 at an auction of manuscripts and other historical items.

The buyers at the Bonhams & Butterfields auction were private and their identities were not disclosed.

The 16-by-19-inch Lincoln portrait, taken by Alexander Gardner on Aug. 9, 1863, is the only one known that shows the former presi-



One last mow

Ron Svoboda uses his lawn mower to collect the last fall leaves during the first snowstorm of the season in Bellevue, Neb. dent sitting in a chair with his head posed on his hand. In most photographs, his hands are crossed or placed stiffly on the chair arms, said Catherine Williamson, director of books and manuscripts for the auction house.

The two-page letter is formally known as General Order No. 9 and was composed on April 10, 1865, a day after Lee signed the formal surrender of Confederate troops. It is one of the most collectible documents for Civil War buffs. Williamson said.

Teens charged with murder

BARROW — Two high school seniors charged with killing a cabdriver during a robbery got away with about \$100, court records show.

Now, Phillip Burnell and Dominick Lozano are in jail, held on \$250,000 bonds.

Each stands charged with second-degree murder and first-degree robbery in the shooting death of Sangkhon "Sam" Promdongloi, a former Buddhist monk driving a cab to raise money for his family in Thailand.

Barrow residents are shaking their heads in disbelief, said Ted Kiriputt, a friend of the slain driv-

er.

"It's a no-win situation for Barrow," said Kiriputt, a 20-year resident of the city. "We lost one cabdriver. Now we lost two kids. I really feel bad about this because I know those families."

Mobile home explosion

OK TAHLEQUAH — A mobile home police believe might have been used as a methamphetamine lab burst into flames after an explosion, killing two adults and two children.

The parents of the children, ages 2 and 5, were at a casino at the time of the early morning fire, police said. The two men who died in the blaze were not related to the children.

Witnesses reported hearing what sounded like a gunshot or an exploding aerosol can and police said they found items at the scene that could have been used to make methamphetamine.

Nativity decoration stolen

MA QUINCY — The Patriot Ledger has offered a \$1,000 reward for information on the theft of a life-sized baby Jesus figure.

Police said the 20-inch statue was stolen from a Nativity scene at a cemetery adjacent to Quincy's city hall. Other figures in the display are screwed to the manger's base and the fiberglass Jesus was glued to its crib to deter vandals, the newspaper reported.

"It's our sincere hope that the reward will contribute to the speedy return of this symbol of the season's religious significance," Patriot Ledger Editor Chazy Dowaliby

The \$30,000 display was paid for by Quincy's churches following a 2001 controversy over the city's placement of a Nativity display in front of city hall.



Christmas cheer

Port Charlotte, Fla., resident Julia Raczka, 3, center, joins in the fun in front of a
snow-making machine during the lighting of the town Christmas tree in
downtown Punta Gorda. Fla.



Eating it up Sonya Thomas, left, of Alexandria, Va., sneaks a peek at competitors Charles Hardy, center, and Ed Jarvis, right, during a meatball eating contest at Carmine's in Atlantic City.



Shooting the breeze

Smonth-old Anatolian shepherd puppy, at the Cincinnat Zoo in Cincinnati. The two just arrived at the zoo from Capetown, South Africa, along with another cheetah cub. Dogs are being used by shepherds in South Africa to help protect their hereta from predators.



Graduation celebration ceremony in Bakersfield, Calif.

Leah Kosareff, a biology major, gets her family's attention as she takes part in the first Cal State Bakersfield winter commencement



Story time Kiara, 5, left, and Jakiea, 5, right, laugh as they listen to Ann Romney, wife of Massachusetts' governor, not joictured, read a book at Higginson Elementary School in Boston. Gubernatorial spouses from around the nation volunteer as "Ambassadors of Reading" to lead their respective states in reading celebrations.

Snag in moving plans



A security agent stands watch near the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.



A house being moved is shown stuck on Fair Avenue in Marquette Township, Mich.

Video game prison ban

MO JEFFERSON CITY — Prison of officials are no longer allowing Missouri's most violent criminals to have access to video games with titles such as "Hitman: Contracts."

Officials pulled 35 of more than 80 Sony PlayStation 2 games from the recreation center at the state's new maximum-security facility after being told they simulate murder, carjackings and the killing of police officers.

The games, paid for with profits from purchases at the prison canteen, included some of the most violent on the market, including "Hitman: Contracts."

Neglect alleged in death

FL BOCA RATON — A month-old baby died while his parents were on a three-day crack cocaine binge that began after Thanksgiving dinner, police said.

The cause of death was not immediately clear. Sonia Thomas, 39, and Neal Anthony Bryan, 46, have been charged with child neglect.

More charges could be filed after autopsy results are available, police spokesman Jeff Kelly said.

Thomas said she could not remember when she had last fed the baby because "she was messed up on crack" and tired, the report said. It said the couple admitted smoking about \$500 worth of crack cocaine over three days.

Thomas was being held without bail. Bryan was held on \$10,000 bail.

Teacher concealed DWI

NASHUA — A school driving instructor convinced his co-workers to handle his on-road duties while his license remained temporarily suspended for driving while intoxicated, the school superintendent said.

Arthur Desmeules, 66, of the Nashua school district, concealed his 2003 DWI conviction, claiming his eyes were giving him trouble, Superintendent Joe Giuliano told The Union Leader in a story published.

Guliano said he discovered the conviction when a reporter brought him a copy of the complaint, which was on file in Manchester District Court. Desmeules lives in Manchester. Giuliano said he told Desmeules he would be fired, and he made it official in a letter to him.

Rape charges dropped

MN EMIDJI — Citing new information, a prosecution said he will drop charges against three male Bemidji State University seniors — including a former star hockey player — who were accused of raping an 18-year-old female student while an off-duty sheriff's deputy recorded the scene on a cell phone camera.

"Facts which were unknown at the time of charging... significantly impact the ability for the state to prove criminal charges beyond a reasonable doubt," assistant Anoka County Attorney Paul young, a special prosecutor in the case, said in a written statement.

The prosecutor also announced that charges won't be brought against Beltrami County deputy Jeffrey Anderson 25

Four wolves killed

AK ANCHORAGE — Private airplane pilots have gunned down the first four wolves from the air in what could be the biggest government-sponsored killing of the animals since Alaska state-hood.

State game managers believe the effort, targeting more than 500 of the predators for death, should make moose and caribou more plentiful in coming years. The goal is to give hunters a better chance to fill their freezers.

Opponents say the program is unnecessary. They believe that the predator-prey balance in most of the state is within normal levels and that moose and caribou herds don't need human intervention.

Industrial accident

TX SAN ANTONIO — A man was in critical condition after a 1-inch-thick hook went through his skull in an accident at a heavy equipment dealership.

Wayne Gail Creek, 62, remained conscious and even spoke with rescuers after a metal hook attached to a backhoe went completely through his head at Holt Caterpillar.

Rescuers spent two hours using special welding equipment to cut him free.

He was taken to University Hos-

He was taken to University Hospital with part of the hook still in his head.

Reindeer travel restricted

KNOXVILLE — Kyle Wilson's reindeer have been reined in for the holidays.

Wilson normally makes good money in December transporting his reindeer to Christmas events around the Southeast. But this year, states seeking to prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease—the deer-family equivalent of mad cow disease—have curtailed Dancer and Dasher's titnerary.

In Kentucky, for example, Wilson said officials stopped him at the state line and warned him there could be repercussions if he tried to attend a Santa-and-his-reindeer event there.

In recent years, chronic wasting disease has spread from a small region along the Colorado-Wyoming line to some Western and Midwestern states. The disease of the nervous system is contagious and incurable.

Some states are taking the threat seriously. In North Carolina, importing reindeer is banned and their travel is mostly restricted.

Bus driver fired

W GRAND ISLAND — A Buffalo-area school bus driverlost her job because she talked to elementary school students about stem cell research, school officials said. Julianne Thompson said she was just sharing what she found to be interesting facts. School district officials said the conversation was inappropriate.

Stories and photos from wire services







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Horoscope

The moon and Big Daddy Jupiter are in Libra, the sign of justice. Strong emotions culminate around matters of fairness. Those who have held fast to a **Holiday Mathis** so-called "right" position will now consider that there are

many versions of right and that versions which clash with their own, though inconvenient and annoying. may not be so wrong after

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 6). Everyone

is jealous as your brilliant nlan unfolds! Deepening your relationship with your own intellect helps you understand the world better, love yourself completely and cherish loved ones openly. A career shift in January is in transition until March. A big check solidifies the change. Singles hold one relationship above all others in June

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Let's face it. Though you start out

with noble intentions, by noon, you're ready to blow off your work in favor of scanning the area for new, exciting experiences. Don't fight it. A mini-adventure actually enriches vour work

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make an unforgettable entrance. It's about time everyone's head turned in your direction - your sensual presence is to be admired. If you're struggling with this flattery, take a serious look at what is hurting your self-esteem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You pride yourself on being someone with a finger on the pulse of what's hip, what's now, what's on, but today, that pulse is faint and hard to feel. Honoring a tradition or participating in a ritual gets the energy flowing again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's difficult enough to wake up, but enduring another drool-inducing

meeting is the last thing you need. If you can't get out of a situation that has "deadly boring" written all over it. at least do something mischievous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not sure what's really going on, but it looks like a lot of work to get involved. If you must participate.

you're tempted to sulk onto the scene like a frightened kitty walking into unfamiliar territory. Instead, go in loud and proud.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're dealing with someone who has a social disability. When he or

she clumsily steps over the line, you've got a choice: Avoid this person in the future, or point out the gaffe first and then avoid this person in the

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be made aware of a person to whom you never gave a second thought - up until now. It could even be one of those where-have-you-been-all-my-life

situations. Oh, right under your nose is all

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

It's easy to get nervous over the tasks that lie ahead. Make listening and empathizing your main mission, and some of those butterflies will leave your stomach. There's a reason you are the one in this situa-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Your interaction with loved ones has you second-guessing your approach. Is what you're planning even remotely possible? Of course it is! Listen through the negative stuff

for information you can actually use. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan

19). To say you're overextended is a hilarious understatement. You're uber-extended! But that's just the kind of challenge you respond to best! Chumming around with friends will be the most enjoyable way to get motivated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Crocodiles were once thought to

weep large tears before eating their victims, thus the term "crocodile tears." You'll see a few of the insincere droplets fall today, and it's a signal to look more deeply into a situation

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be making a plea for support

Remember that what everyone cares about the most is what's in it for them not what's in it for you Knowing this and catering to this side of human nature will help you

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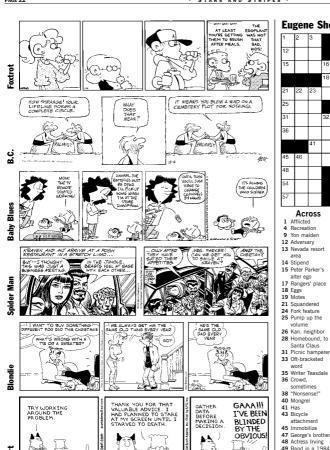




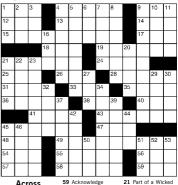








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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A PORCUPINE PLAYED VOLLEYBALL, YOU'VE GOTTA THINK HE'D BE FANTASTIC AT SPIKING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals H







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We'll see how he feels in

the morning

Call host on poker night extortion

Dear Abby: My friend, "Wilma," recently purchased a house with her husband, "Ken." They frequently host "pok nights" and invite quite a few other friends — and friends of

Since Wilma is presently unemployed, she has instituted a new policy for the games: Everyone must donate a percentage of their winnings to the house. This has offended quite a few of the players. Many of us have offered to bring snacks, drinks, etc., but the donation rule stands and is

very much in effect May I add that Ken was shocked when Wilma asked for the money. How can we confront her without coming across as rude?

- Concerned in California Dear Concerned: Why are you worried about offending someone who is extorting money from you? I don't know how many people participate in these

centage of every hand going to the house, Wilma must be making a tidy sum. It shouldn't be necessary to "confront her." If I were you, I'd alternate hosting these games among the partici-

> Dear Abby: My father, who is still

living, sexually abused me for six or seven years during my childhood. That was 21 years ago. I helieve he has gotten help for his "problem" and won't harm anyone else, but I

can't be sure. I have talked to Dad about it, and he says he would never hurt any-

one like that again, that what he did was very wrong, and

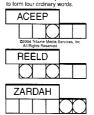
he's sorry he ever hurt me. About six years ago, another family member asked me if I had been sexually abused, and I told her no at the urging of my parents and my husband. She and I

Dad, but not my daughter. The other family member has sons who stay with Dad occasionally

I feel guilty for not telling her the truth. I would never forgive myself if something happened to her kids because I lied. Should I sneak up and let the chins fall where they may, even though it could hurt a lot of people? Or should I just be quiet and observe? It has taken a lot of courage to write this letter, and your advice would be appreciated

 Unsure in The Prairies Dear Unsure: Has it occurred to you that your relative asked you that question because your father had also abused her? Asking someone if a parent has abused her (or him) is not some-thing that ordinarily comes up in conversation for no reason. Yes, you should definitely level with her - and then listen to what she has to say. You owe it to her and the children to be honest.

Unscramble these four Jumbles one letter to each square.



HIS PROGNOSIS WAS-Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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PRISONER WAS HOSPITALIZED,

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Print answer here: Saturday's

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Jumbles: ADULT Answer:

SAUTE EMBODY What it takes to learn to walk down a fashion runway -- A "MODEL" STUDENT

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Dear Annie: I am in love with the perfect guy We have been dating for three months and are so convinced we're perfect for each other that we've announced plans to marry

Why am I writing? Well, "Monty" has been married twice before, and both marriages ended as a result of his cheating He swears he is a changed man, and I be lieve him. He looks me in the eyes and tells me I am the woman h has been searching for and need

ing all his life, and I know it's

I am 30 and have never been married. I can hardly wait to have children with Monty and raise them together. He is excited, too He is in his mid-40s and has two children who are young teens. He is active in his children's lives and he and his ey are parenting their kids quite amicably. However, I do sense odd feelings from his associates, but no one has said anything to me. (I did once overhear someone say, "There goes



Dear Abby

the Bill Clinton of Ore gon," when we passed by.) I love Monty deep ly, yet now that I write this, I have even more doubts in the back of my head. Hurry and give me your advice.

_ Pondering in Portland

Dear Portland Monty sounds like a risky proposition, and the fact that you are watching your biologi

cal clock may make you feel pressured to marry. You've been dating for only three months. Frankly, that's not enough time to get to know anyone well enough to marry

Slow down. Knowing Monty's background, we recommend dating him exclusively for one year before making any permanent decisions

Dear Annie: My parents are quite wealthy. Over the past seven years (I'm 25) I've worked and saved, because my parents and I feel this is a skill I need to learn. I have given up many

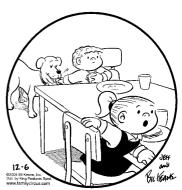
things I wanted in order not to run to Mom and Dad every time I was in a bind. My boyfriend, however, thinks it's OK to use my money every time we eat out

because I have rich parents to fall back on and he doesn't. This really bothers me because I was raised to rely on no one – to work hard for what I want. I should mention that this year, I moved back to my hometown where I haven't been able to find a job. My boyfriend works two jobs, while I am using my savings to pay for our dates

- Bling Bling Bovine Dear Cash Cow: We think yo boyfriend is a freeloader, and if you don't straighten him out immediately, he is likely to continue. If he can't afford to help pay for your dates while you are uner ployed, cook at home and rent a video. Once you are back on you feet, however, all expenses should be split between the two of you. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Sync

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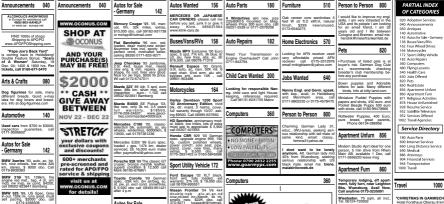
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Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m.—Bowling: PBA Den-ver Open (dld). AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.—NFL: Dallas at Seatle. AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—College football: Bowl pecial (dld). AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.—Golf: People vs. Pros did).

ARN-Sports, 9 a.m.—College basketball:
firginia at Iowa St. (did).

ARN-Pacific, 11 a.m.—NFL: Dallas at Seattle

(dld). AFN-Sports, noon—Boxing: Jermain Taylor (21-0) vs. William Joppy (34-3-1) for WBC Con-tinental Americas middleweight champion-

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9. North Carolina (6-1) beat No. 8 Kentucky 91-78. Next: vs. Loyola of Chicago, Sunday, 70-12

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Dec. 9.

14. Purdue (4-1) did not play. Next: at No.
25 UCLA, Sunday.

15. Michigan State (6-1) beat Cincinnati
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16. Rutgers (4-0) did not play. Next: at Old Dominion, Sunday.
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Dec. 11.
20. Boston College (5-1) beat Northeastern
90-63. Next: vs. Fordham, Wednesday, Dec. 8.
21. Louisiana Tech (3-2) lost to Illinois
71-65. Next: at Alcorn State, Monday, Dec. 13.
22. Maryland (5-1) beat Xavier 74-72. Next:
vs. St. Bonaventure, Tuesday, Dec. 7.
23. TCU (6-1) did not play. Next: at Arkansas State, Sunday.
24. Villanova (3-2) did not play. Next: at Penn, Sunday. 25. UCLA (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14

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Doubles
Bob and Mike Bryan, United States, def.
Tommy Robredo and Juan Carlos Ferrero,
Spain, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

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Carlos Moya, Spain, def. Andy Roddick,
United States, 6-2, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (9), 6-2.

Mardy Fish, United States, def. Tommy Robredo, Spain, 7-6 (8), 6-2.

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Men's Division I tournament

Quarterfinals Saturday, Dec. 4 Maryland 1, St. John's 0 Maryland 1, St. John 5 c Duke 3, Virginia 0 UC Santa Barbara 4, Va. Commonwealth 1 Sunday, Dec. 5

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Tulsa (13-6-3) at Indiana (16-4-1)
Men's College Cup
At The Home Depot Center
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Semifinals
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Semifinals Friday, Dec. 10 Duke (18-5) vs. UC Santa Barbara (20-2-1) Maryland (18-5-1) vs. Tulsa-Indiana winner

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Noteworthy — Gennings' late three-pointer as the game-winner in the Division I conferlas tie game-winner in tie bivision i conier-nce opener for both teams. Relaford led all ebounders with 9; teammate Dixon added . Henry had 6 rebounds and Taulelier 4 for Vürzburg (2-0). JV—Würzburg 34, Ramstein 28

Military

U.S. Forces Europe

wrestling championships VICENZA, Italy — Sunday's results from the Greco-Roman portion of the two-day 2004 U.S. Forces Europe wrestling championships. Team scoring is combined total from Saturday's freestyle championships and Sunday's Greco-Roman event:

Sunday's Greco-Roman event.

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U.S., Roddick falter on clay as Spain captures Davis Cup

BY STEPHEN WADE

The Associated Press

SEVILLE, Spain - Spain won the Davis Cup title Sunday, takan insurmountable against the United States when Carlos Moya beat Andy Roddick 6-2, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), the American star's second loss in the final.

Moya's decisive victory put the home country ahead 3-1 in the best-of-five series. The victory came before a sellout crowd of 27,200 that included Prince Felipe, heir to the Spanish throne.

The Davis Cup is my dream," Moya said. "I can't ask for more There is nothing bigger than what I've lived today.'

Mardy Fish of the United States beat Tommy Robredo 7-6 (8), 6-2 in an inconsequential fifth match, leaving Spain with a 3-2 decision. This was Snain's second Davis Cup championship; the Americans were shooting for their 32nd title but first since

Move took the match when Roddick netted a backhand off the Spaniard's serve. Moya dropped to his back on the red clay, and Prince Felipe leaped from his chair with a two-fisted salute. Mova raced over and reached up to shake the Prince's hand and



Spain's Carlos Mova, right, embraces coach Jordi Arrese while celebrating his win over Andy Roddick to clinch the Davis Cup.

the hand of his wife. Princess Letizia

Roddick needed to win both his singles matches in this round for the Americans to have a chance. Instead, the No. 2 player in the world dropped both, losing in four sets Friday to 18-year-old Rafael Nadal. The United States won Saturday's doubles behind twins Mike and Bob Bryan. "The bottom line is they were

just better than us this weekend," Roddick said. "They came out. took care of business and they beat us. It's a simple as that.

Only one team has come back from trailing 2-0 in the Davis Cup final — Australia in 1939 against the Americans.

Spain won its first Davis Cup four years ago in Barcelona over Australia. The win over the United States was Spain's 12th straight at home in Davis Cup

This has been incredible – the moment I've been waiting said Moya, who missed Spain's first title in 2000 because of injury. "I've prepared myself for this day. I knew that playing on clay I would have my chances to win

Moya, who had lost three times before to Roddick - it was their first match on clay — played the match of his life. His steady groundstrokes kept Roddick back, and he frequently mixed in a deft drop shot. When Roddick tried to come in. Mova lobbed shots over his head or passed him.

"Charlie played a great game," Snanish cantain Jordi Arrese said, using Moya's nickname. "It was his opportunity and he hasn't let us down. He had lost three times to Roddick, and this was his day to beat him."

McCain: MLB must get tough on drugs

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain demanded immediate action by representatives of Major League Baseball's players and owners to tighten the sport's drug-testing policy "to restore the integrity of baseball" or face possible congressional action.

"I warned them a long time ago that we needed to fix this problem," McCain told reporters Saturday after attending the Army-Navy football game with Presi-dent Bush. "It's time for them to sit down together and act. And that's what they should do. If not. clearly, we have to act legislative ly, which we don't want to do."

Expressing dismay about recurring reports of steroid abuse by some of baseball's top stars, the Arizona senator threatened to legislate stricter rules if the sport fails to police itself

"I'll introduce legislation in January, but I hope I don't have to do that," he said, speaking to report-

ers at Andrews Air Force Base Miller falls in giant slalom

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. - Norwegian Lasse Kjus captured his first World Cup giant slalom since 1996 on Saturday, winning in 2 minutes, 29.82 seconds to edge Hermann Maier of Austria by nearly a half-second. Maier, the defending World

Cup champion, was second in 2:30.27 with fellow countryman Benjamin Raich finishing third in 2:30.46 World Cup leader Bode Miller.

Sports briefs

looking to become the United States' first overall champion since Phil Mahre in 1983, crashed in his first run. Miller, the reigning world and World Cup giant slalom champion, had won four of the first five races, including a downhill Friday.

Castillo rallies vs. Casamover

LAS VEGAS - Mexico's Jose Luis Castillo retained the World Boxing Council lightweight title Saturday night, rallying in the late rounds for a split decision over former 135-pound champion Joel Casamoyer at Mandalay Bay Events Center. Judges Dr. James Jen Kin,

Carol Castellano and Dave Moretti all gave the 30-year-old Castillo (51-6-1) the last three rounds.

"He was difficult as expected, but by the eighth, ninth rounds I knew this was my fight," Castillo said. "He was very fast, but not as fast as expected."

On the undercard, Jeff Lacy successfully defended his IBF super middleweight title with a unanimous decision over Omar Sheika. Lacy improved to 18-0.

Taylor dominates fading Joppy

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Jermain Taylor won a unanimous decision over William Joppy on Saturday, retaining his WBC Continental Americas belt and keeping a perfect record.

outpointed Joppy 120-107 in the 12-round bout to improve to 22-0.

Joppy (34-4-1) was in the ring for the first time since losing his middleweight crown a year ago and spent most of the fight making the much more aggressive Taylor chase him. Joppy landed few blows and seemed more content to frustrate Taylor.

Taylor landed several heavy blows early and knocked Joppy down in the fifth.

Goosen golden in South Africa

SUN CITY, South Africa - Retief Goosen won the Nedbank Challenge by six strokes in his home country Sunday, closing with a 3-under-par 69 while third-round leader Lee Westwood was undone by a triple bogey on the eighth hole and finished with an 80.

Goosen, the U.S. Open champi-on, was at 7-under 281. Countryman Ernie Els and Australia's Stuart Appleby were next at 287. Els, a three-time champion at Sun City, shot a 71 and Appleby a 74.

Jimenez wins Hong Kong Open HONG KONG - Miguel Angel

Jimenez won the Hong Kong Open for his fifth European tour title of the year, closing with a 4-under 66 on Sunday for a one-stroke victory over Ryder Cup teammate Padraig Harrington and South Africa's James Kingston. Jimenez, 40, had a 14-under

266 total on the Hong Kong Golf Club course for his 14th career European tour title.

T-wolves stop Clippers' streak at five

LOS ANGELES - Sam Cassell scored eight of his season-high 30 points in over-time and Kevin Garnett added 22 points and 15 rebounds, helping the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Los Angeles Clippers 107-100 Saturday night for their fifth straight victory

Eddie Griffin had 13 points and 11 rebounds off the bench for Minnesota, which went 4-0 on its road trip and snapped the Clippers' five-game winning streak

Corey Maggette tied a career high with 34 points for Los Angeles, but the Clippers committed 20 turnovers - seven of them in the first nine minutes against a Minnesota defense that entered the game last in the league in turnovers forced (12.6) and next-to-last in steals (5.67)

Cassell hit consecutive jumpers 40 seconds apart to give Minnesota a 96-94 edge with 2:21 left in OT. After Bobby Simmons hit one of two free throws, Griffin made a three-pointer for a four-point margin.

Mikki Moore also missed one of two at the line for the Clippers before Cassell missed a three-point shot at the other end. But Maggette tried to pass the ball through traffic, and Cassell intercepted it before going in for a driving layun for a 101-96 lead with 58 seconds to go.

Latrell Sprewell's short jumper clinched it with 31 seconds left, making the Clippers 0-3 in overtime games — all at home.

The Timberwolves have beaten the Clippers eight consecutive times, including four straight in Los Angeles.

Garnett, last season's MVP, has had at least 15 rebounds and 15 points in each of his last five games.

Cavaliers 105, Raptors 97: At Cleveland, Drew Gooden scored 27 points and LeBron James had 27, his final field goal coming on a monstrous dunk that sent the Cavaliers to a victory over the feuding Toronto Raptors, who didn't have Vince Cart-

Gooden added 15 rebounds and Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who made their final four shots and their last six free throws in the final three minutes to put the Raptors away

The Raptors played without Carter, who came down with food poisoning shortly after the club arrived from Boston. Carter

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while his teammates tried to regroup one night after coach Sam Mitchell henched Rafer Alston and Loren Woods during the se

ond half in Boston for picking up costly technical fouls

Mitchell kept the pair on the bench for the start, using Milt Palacio and Jerome Moiso instead. Alston led the Raptors with 20 points and 10 assists but had six turn-

Nets 109, Hawks 88: At East Rutherford, N.J., Eric Williams scored 21 points and the Nets shot a season-high 54.4 percent, sending the Hawks to their ninth

straight loss Richard Jefferson rebounded from his worst game of the season - seven points and no field goals against Washington with 14 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Rodney Buford, who has struggled with his shooting all season, added a season-high 18 points as New Jersey won for just the fourth time in 16 games.

Al Harrington had 17 points and Antoine Walker 15 for Atlanta

Bobcats 107, Knicks 101: At Charlotte, N.C., Steve Smith scored 20 points and hit two clutch shots in the final three minutes as the Bobcats overcame a 41-point performance from Jamal Craw-

Smith hit a contested three-pointer from the right wing with 2:29 left to break a tie, then drained a fallaway jumper with 1:52 left to put the Bobcats ahead 101-97

Emeka Okafor added 20 points and 18 rebounds - his sixth straight double-double while Brevin Knight had 18 assists and hit two clinching free throws with 38.8 seconds left

Magic 96, Grizzlies 91: At Orlando, Fla., Grant Hill had 23 points and seven as sists, and the Magic took advantage of Memphis' sloppiness

Hedo Turkoglu and Steve Francis each scored 16 points, with Francis adding eight assists, five rebounds and five steals. He also had seven of the Magic's 17 turnovers. Dwight Howard blocked four shots to go with his nine points and six rebounds

New Memphis coach Mike Fratello couldn't follow Friday night's victorious

son-worst 23 turnovers, the Grizzlies lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Pistons 92, Hornets 69: Ben Wallace made nine of his first 10 shots and finished with 22 points to lead visiting Detroit to an easy victory against New Orleans, which yet to win at home in eight tries

Wallace had 11 first-quarter points, in-cluding a pair of alley-oop dunks, as Detroit took an early double-digit lead and never looked back

Richard Hamilton scored 21 for Detroit, which shot 54.4 percent, while Tayshaun Prince added 14. Wallace also had two blocked shots and two steals, while Rasheed Wallace grabbed 10 rebounds.

Lee Nailon led New Orleans with 18 points, 14 in the first quarter.

Wizards 95, Bulls 88: At Washington, Gilbert Arenas scored a season-high 34 points, and Larry Hughes padded his NBA lead with seven of his team's 17 steals.

The Bulls led most of the game despite committing a season-high 29 turnovers. The Wizards shot just 35 percent and were outrebounded 50-35, but they closed the game with a 18-9 run for their fourth straight victory and seventh in eight

The Wizards, who have epitomized losing for more than a decade, improved to 10-5, their best 15-game record since the 1974-75 team that started 11-4 and won a franchise record 60 games

Mavericks 109, Jazz 86: At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki followed up his 53-point outburst with 30 points and seven rebounds.

Nowitzki wasn't quite as sharp as he was two nights earlier in setting a franchise scoring record against Houston, but his 10-for-19 field goal shooting and 8-for-8 performance from the free throw line were good enough to send the Mavericks to their fourth victory in five games.

Jason Terry scored a season-high 19 points and added nine assists, and Jerry Stackhouse added 18 points for Dallas Josh Howard contributed 17 points and 10

Matt Harpring's 22 points paced the Jazz, who've lost four straight and five of

Rockets 77, 76ers 76: At Houston, Tracy McGrady had 17 points, including the winning basket with 25 seconds to play.

Minnesota's Sam Cassell, left, is congratulated by Latrell Sprewell after making a basket during overtime against the Los Angeles Clippers in Los Angeles on Satur-day, The Timberwolves won 107-100.

as the Rockets ended a five-game losing

Marc Jackson, who scored 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter, hit two free throws with 37 seconds left to put Philadelphia ahead 76-75. McGrady then hit a 20-foot jumper from above the left of the key to give Houston the final lead.

It was Jeff Van Gundy's 300th career coaching victory and came in his 100th game with the Rockets.

Nuggets 104, Heat 95: At Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored 28 points to surpass 2,000 for his career, and the Nuggets con-trolled Shaquille O'Neal with constant double-teams

SuperSonics 99, Trail Blazers 89: At Seattle, Rashard Lewis and Vladimir Radmanovic each scored 20 points, and the SuperSonics improved to 15-3.

Warriors 104, Pacers 96: At Oakland, Calif., Mickael Pietrus gave Golden State just the lift it needed, contributing 15 points and six rebounds off the bench as the Warriors ended a four-game losing

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STARS STRIPES



Report: Wallace's brother, Pacers' Jones among brawlers in Detroit Jamaal Magloire on the injured

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Indiana Pacers guard Fred Jones and a brother of Detroit Pistons center Ben Wallace were identified by police as participants in last month's NRA brawl the Detroit Free Press reported Satur-

Videotape of the brawl shows David Wallace, 33, of Selma, Ala., in the midst of the melee at The Palace in Auburn Hills on Nov 19. the newspaper reported, citing an unidentified source close to the police investigation.

Police Lt. James Manning told the paper it was clear from looking at the videotape that Jones was also involved.

Ben Wallace, who rejoined the Pistons on Friday in San Antonio after a six-game suspension for shoving and throwing a wristband at Indiana forward Ron Artest. said he was unaware his brother had been identified by police.



A woman who answered the phone at David Wallace's home Saturday said he would have no comment. Last month, he denied being involved in the mayhem.

NBA spokesman Brian McInty re did not immediately respond to a call seeking comment Saturday.

The fight among spectators and players players broke out after an on-court dispute over a foul. A fan hurled a drink at Artest, who then charged into the stands, and other Pacers players and fans joined the melee. Several people, including a police officer, were hit with

Hornets get exemption to put Magloire on injured list

NEW ORLEANS - The Hornets received an exemption to put list The center will be sidelined three months with a broken right ring finger. New Orleans also sig 6-foot-9 forward Corsley

wards from the Continental Basketball Association. The injured list is generally re-

stricted to three players.

Magloire joins Baron Davis, who has an inflamed disc in his lower back: Jamal Mashburn who has an irrated right kneecap; and Rodney Rogers, who has a sprained left knee.

Bobcats waive guard House CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The

Charlotte Bobcats waived reserve guard Eddie House on Saturday, hours after he missed a victory over New York due to what coach Bernie Bickerstaff called an excused absence.

House started five games and averaged 11.1 points in 23 min-

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

	W	L	Pct	GE
New York	8	8	.500	-
Boston	7	8	.467	1
Philadelphia	6	10	.375	2
Toronto	7	12	.368	2
New Jersey	4	12	.250	4
Southeas				
Orlando	11	5	.688	-
Washington	10	5	.667	1
Miami	11	7	.611	1
Charlotte	4	10	.286	6
Atlanta	2	14	.125	9
Central				
Cleveland	11	6	.647	-
Indiana	10	7	.588	1
Detroit	8	8	.500	2
Milwaukee	4	10	.286	5
Chicago	2	12	.143	7

Western Conference											
Southwest Division											
W L Pct GB											
San Antonio	15		.833	-							
Dallas	12	6	.667	3							
Houston	7	11	.389	8							
Memphis	6		.333	9							
New Orleans	1	14	.067	121/2							
Northwest I	Divis	ion									
Seattle	15	3	.833	-							
Minnesota	11		.688	3							
Denver	9	7	.563	5							
Portland	8		.533	51/2							
Utah	8	9	.471	61/2							
Pacific Di											
Phoenix	13	3	.813	-							
Sacramento	11	5	.688	2							
L.A. Clippers	10	7	.588	31/2							
L.A. Lakers	10	7	.588	31/2							
Golden State	4	12	.250	9							
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Boston at Golden State Charlotte at L.A. Clippers Tuesday's ga New Jersey at Cleveland Milwaukee at Indiana Dallas at M Dallas at Minnesota New York at Memphis

Saturday Magic 96, Grizzlies 91

MEMPHIS — Battler 1-75-57, Gasol 8-174-5 20, Wright 2-52-26, Wells 4-114-412, Watson 5-8 0-2 12, Posey 5-10 3-3 15, Miller 1-61-23, Swift 5-76-10 16, Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-72 25-33 91.

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Nets 109, Hawks 88

Nets 109, Hawks 88
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Cavaliers 105, Raptors 97

TORONTO — Moiso 0-1 0-0 0, Bosh 3-10 6-7 12, Araujo 0-3 0-0 0, Palacio 3-4 0-0 6, Rose 4-11 1-1 9, Woods 1-5 2-2 4, Murray 3-7 0-0 9, Alston 5-13 9-9 20, Bonner 7-12 3-3 17, Mar-shall 7-17 0-0 16, Peterson 0-6 4-4 4, Totals 33-89 25-26 97.

10-14 7-10 27, Ilgauskas 9-17 3-6 21, McInnis 3-11 2-2 10, Newble 3-5 4-4 10, Harris 3-6 0-0 6, Snow 0-1 0-0 0, Traylor 1-4 0-0 2, Varejao 0-1 2-2 2, L.Jackson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 39-78 24-31

Cleveland
Three-Point Goals—Toronto 6-13 (Murray
3-4, Marshail 2-4, Alston 1-3, Peterson 0-1,
Rose 0-1), Cleveland 3-10 (McInnis 2-6,
James 1-3, Harris 0-1), Fouled out—None, Rebounds—Toronto 49 (Bosh 10), Cleveland 5-10
(Gooden 15), Assists—Toronto 20 (Alston
10), Cleveland 3-10, Total fouls—
(Gooden 15), Assists—Toronto 20 (Alston
10), Cleveland 3-2 (James 10), Total fouls—
kas, Snow, A-19,265 (20,352), 39 18 25 23-105

Wizards 95, Bulls 88

CHICAGO — Deng 3-7 2-29, Davis 2-5 0-0 4, Curry 7-13 1-1 15, Duhon 1-5 0-0 2, Hinrich 4-9 5-5 15, Gordon 4-11 2-2 12, Chandler 4-11 7-8 15, Nocioni 6-10 4-6 16, Williams 0-0-0, Griff fin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-71 21-24 88.

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WASHINGTON — Jamison 5-18 4-6 14, Jef-fries 3-5 3-8 10, Haywood 2-4 0-0 4, Hughes 4-15 10-14 18, Arenas 10-25 11-14 34, Hays 1-6 0-0 2, Brown 2-2 0-0 4, Ruffin 0-0 0-0 0, December 0-3 0-0 0, Dixon 3-7 2-2 9. Totals 30-85 30-44 95.

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Pistons 92. Hornets 69

DETROIT — Prince 6-10 1-2 14, R.Wallac 1-7 1-1 7, B.Wallace 10-14 2-7 22, Billups 2-5-5 9, Hamilton 8-12 4-4 21, Ham 0-0 1-2 1, Jer 10s 3-7 2-3 8, Campbell 1-1 0-0 2, Millicl 1-0-0 2, Delfino 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 37-68 16-24 92 0-0.2, Delfino 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 37-68 16-24 92. NEW ORLEANS — Nailon 8-16 2-2 18, West 0-0 0-0 0, P.Brown 2-6 0-0 4, Harrington 1-12 0-0 2, Wesley 7-13 0-1 14, Andersen 2-2 0-0 4. Lynch 2-6 0-0 4, Garcia 3-7 2-2 11, Edwards 2-6 1-2 5, Freije 2-8 0-0 5, Smith 1-4 0-0 2, Dick-au 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 30-83 5-7 69.

Spurs 104, Bucks 83

3purs 1.04, DUCKS 55
SAN ANTONIO - Bowers 1-6-0-7, Duncan
9-16-2-2-20, Nesterovic 2-4-0-4, Ginobill 4-8
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13, Horry 0-1-4-4, Wilks 2-3-0-0-6, Massen866-4-1-2-9, Unif 6-9-1-1, Brown 6-9-0-6
13, Horry 0-1-4-4, Wilks 2-3-0-0-6, MassenMILWAMEEE - Masson 7-12-4-1, Smith
4-6-2-3-10, Gadzuric 0-2-4-6-4, Redd 7-18-12-4
1-5-0-2, Hamilton 1-2-4-5-6, Totals 32-7-1
1-5-0-2, Hamilton 1-2-4-5-6, Totals 32-7-1
1-5-0-2, Hamilton 1-2-4-5-6, Totals 32-7-1

18-24 83.

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Rockets 77, 76ers 76

PHILADELPHIA — Thomas 7-140-214, Korver 4-121-110, MJackson 5-12 4-414, Iverson 5-20-4-20, Iguodala 0-11-21, Skinner 0-10-0, McKie 3-6-0-6, Davis 1-3-0-2, Green 7-4
MOUSTON — Bowen 4-7-0-6, Howard 3-7
0-0-6, Ming 4-10-12-14 20, Sura 1-5-2-2, Sura 1-5-2-2, Transport 1-7
0-10, Ming 4-10-12-14 20, Sura 1-5-2-2, Sura 1-5-2-2, Transport 1-7
0-12, Transport 1-7
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0-0-2, Barrett 2-5-3-4, Mutom-

19 22 18 17-76 Houston 21 14 20 22—77 Three-Point Goals—Philadelphia 4-15 (McKie 2-2, Green 1-2, Korver 1-7, Iguodala 0-1, Davis 0-1, Salmons 0-2), Houston 3-23 (Sura 1-2, Barrett 1-4, McGrady 1-9, Padgett 0-4, Gaines 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebound-0-4, Gaines 0-4), Fouled out—Nône. Rebound. s—Philadelphia 51 (McKle, Thomas 8), Hous-ton 60 (Ming 13). Assists—Philadelphia 22 (Iverson 8), Houston 17 (McGrady 7). Total louls—Philadelphia 24, Houston 20. Techni-cals—Houston Defensive Three Second.

Mavericks 109, Jazz 86

A-16 643 (17 982)

UTAH — Boozer 3-9 2-2 8, Harpring 10-15 1-2 22, Okur 4-8 0-0 8, Bell 2-9 2-2 6, Arroyo 8-12 0-0 16, Collins 2-2 0-0 4, Humphries 2-6 1-2 5, Giricek 5-8 0-1 10, Eisley 2-5 0-0 5, Sny-der 0-1 0-0 0, Radojevic 0-0 2-4 2, Totals 38-75 8-13 86.

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Nuggets 104. Heat 95

MIAMI — Person 1-2 0-0 3, Haslem 6-10 2-3 14, O'Neal 5-10 2-8 12, Wade 9-16 7-9 26, EJones 5-14 0-0 13, Anderson 0-0 0-0, D.Jones 1-30-0 2, Dooling 1-3 0-0 2, Doleac 5-6 0-0 10, Laettner 3-4 0-0 6, R.Butler 1-4 4-57. To-

DBWRF - Martin 6-13 9-2 12. Anthony DBWRF - Martin 6-13 9-2 12. Anthony DBWRF - Martin 6-13 9-2 12. Anthony DBWRF - Martin 6-13 9-1 12. Anthony DBWRF - Martin 6-13 9-1 12. Anthony DBWRF - Martin 6-13 1-14. Nate 4-12. 15 1-16. Nate 4-12. 15 1-16. Nate 4-12. 15 1-16. Nate 4-12. Nate 1-12. Nate 1-12

Sonics 99. Trail Blazers 89

PORTLAND — Abdur-Rahim 3-8-7-8-14, Ran-dolph 5-14-6-5-16, Ratliff 2-2-3-3-7, Anderson 3-10-2-2-10, Stoudamire 4-14-3-3-11, Miles 4-9 2-4-10, Van Exel 5-10-0-0-12, Patterson 2-4-1-2 5, Przybilla 1-1-0-0, Zearlisie 0-0-0-0, Out-law 0-1-0-0, Telfair 1-1-0-0-2. Totals 30-74

SEATTLE — Evans 1-1 3-4 5. Lewis 8-14 1-2 SEATTLE — Evans 1-1 3-4 5, Lewis 8-14 1-2 Q, James 2-3 0-0 4, Allen 5-15 2-3 14, Ridnour 4-8 2-2 11, Radmanovic 7-14 3-4 20, Daniels 2-10 2-2 7, Fortson 5-6 2-4 12, Collison 2-4 2-2 6, Cleaves 0-0 0-0 0, Swift 0-0 0-0 0, Wilkins 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 36-75 17-23 99.

6-0 - 0.4 Totals 36-75 W12-25 9-0 0. Immobile Portland Seattle 22 92 21 18—89 Seattle 22 30 21 18—89 Seattle 23 30 21 18—90 Seattle 23 30 21 18—90 Seattle 23 30 21 18—90 Seattle 23 3. Anderson - 6. Abdur-Rahlim 1-2, Stoudamine 6-1, Patterson 6-1, Randolph 6-1, Stoudamine 6-1, Patterson 6-1, Randolph 6-1, Stoudamine 6-1, Patterson 6-1, Randolph 6-1, Reburnder 1-2, Fouled out—Randolph Reburnder 1-2, Fouled out—Randolph Reburnder 1-2, Fouled (1914) 12, Seattle 1-2, Robert 1-2, Fouled (1914) 12, Seattle 1-2, Robert 1-2, Fouled (1914) 12, Seattle 1-2, Robert 1-2, Fouled (1914) 12, Seattle 1-2, Seattle

Warriors 104, Pacers 96

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T-wolves 107, Clippers 100 (OT)

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Bobcats 107, Knicks 101

New York Charlotte 27 30 24 20-101 Charlotte
The Point Goals—New York 8-17 (Crawford 4-8, Ti'nhomas 2-3, Brewer 1-2, Marbury Bogans 1-4). Fouled out—Mohammed JP, Charlotte 48 (Okafor 18). Assists—New York 19 (Marbury 11). Charlotte 24 (Okafor 18). Assists—New York 19 (Marbury 11). Charlotte 27 (Knight 18). Total fouls—New York 25, Charlotte 21. A—18,858 (23,19).

Spurs shun fatigue, cruise past Bucks

Duncan scores 20 as San Antonio wins 7th straight, improves to 15-3

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - Even on tired legs, the San Antonio Spurs were too much for the Milwaukee Bucks

San Antonio cruised past the outmanned Bucks 104-83 Saturday night behind Tim Duncan's 20 points, a balanced, productive offense and a stingy-as-usual defense despite playing for the fourth time in five days and less than 24 hours after a hard-fought, last-second victory over Detroit. "Professionalism," coacl

coach Gregg Popovich said after his team improved to 15-3 for the hest start in franchise history "I'm a fortunate guy. I've got a group of guys who are of the age that it's important to them every night. They really do believe it's their job. And I don't have to convince them or fire them up or do anything like that

"So, it's a compliment to their character more than anything." The Spurs shot 57 percent from the floor and got 13 points apiece from Tony Parker, Beno Udrih and Devin Brown and 12 from

Manu Ginobili in winning their NBA-best seventh straight game. The Spurs looked tired and slow at first, but still were more

energetic and quicker than the Bucks, who lost for the ninth time in 10 games despite the return of Joe Smith (hip, groin) from a three-game absence

"We were tired, definitely," Gi-nobili said. "We got here at 3 a.m. It's not easy after a big effort like (Thursday night) against Detroit. After five or six minutes that we started slow, things started going well. We started making big shots. And our defense was very efficient."

As usual Smith scored 10 points in 23



San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan shoots over Milwaukee Bucks Marcus Fizer on Saturday in Milwaukee. The Spurs shot 57 nercent in their 104-83 victory.

minutes, but the Bucks were without forward Keith Van Horn, who hurt his right ankle in practice.

That's been the problem with the Bucks all season: they can't get healthy enough to get any rhythm 'It seems like we get one

healthy, one goes down," Smith Desmond Mason led Milwau-

kee with 18 points and Michael Redd had 15

Shooting 67 percent, the Spurs took control in the second quarter and built a 48-40 halftime lead on the strength of 12 points from Duncan and 10 from Ginobili. It was still an eight-point game midway through the third quarter when Udrih scored nine points during a 17-8 run the Spurs used

to erase any doubt.
San Antonio shot 74 percent in the third quarter to stretch the lead to 80-60, and the Bucks never got closer than 18 in the fourth quarter.

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Wake wins in last gasp as No. 1

Demon Deacons' loss at Illinois clears the way for No. 2 Kansas

The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. Eric Williams scored 21 points Saturday and No. 1 Wake Forest bounced back from its first loss to beat Richmond 90-73.

Justin Gray scored 18 of his 22 points in the first half for the Demon Deacons (6-1), coming off



loss at Illinois that almost certainly will cost them the No. 1 ranking nevt week. Wake For-

a lopsided 91-73

est led throughout against the Spiders, shooting 53 percent and playing improved defense before heading into a nine-day break for final exams.

Jermaine Bucknor scored 14 points to lead the Spiders (3-2) Kevin Steenberge, Richmond's leading scorer at 18 points per game, managed just four points and wasn't a factor.

No. 2 Kansas 81, Pacific 70: At Lawrence, Kan., Keith Langford had 21 points and seven assists and Wavne Simien had 12 points and 15 rebounds as Kansas

(4-0) beat scrappy Pacific (2-1). Aaron Miles had eight assists and 19 points for the Jayhawks.

Christian Maraker had 22 points as the Tigers kept it close by scoring on six straight possessions before Miles made a steal with 1:10 to go.

No. 3 Syracuse 68, Colgate 55: At Syracuse, N.Y., Hakim Warrick scored 23 points and Terrence Roberts scored six of his 13 points during a decisive sec-ond-half spurt to help Syracuse (7-0) beat Colgate for the 39th straight time.

After Colgate's Jon Simon hit a runner in the lane as the shot-clock buzzer sounded at 10:42 to tie the game at 44-all, Roberts and Warrick led the Orange on a 13-1 run that sealed it.



Kansas's Keith Langford (5) tries to dribble past Pacific defender David Doubley during the first half of Saturday's game. Kansas won 81-70.

No. 5 Illinois 72, Arkansas 60: At North Little Rock, Ark., Roger Powell scored 19 points and Dee Brown and Deron Williams added 13 each, helping Illinois overcome a sluggish offense and poor free throw shooting.

The Illini (6-0) rarely looked like the team that beat top-ranked Wake Forest by 18 Wednesday night. Illinois was playing its first game in front of a hostile crowd and while never rattled committed more than twice the number of turnovers as it did against the Demon Deacons.

The Razorbacks (5-1) were hurt by poor shooting after closing the gap to 57-53 with 7:47 left.

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 81, Washington St. 29: At Stillwater, Okla.. John Lucas III and Joev Graham combined to outscore Washington State and Oklahoma State (5-0) gave coach Eddie Sutton his 760th victory, eighth on the career victory list.

The offensive performance by Washington State was one of the worst since the three-point shot was introduced in 1986-87. Georgia Southern scored a record-low 21 in a 40-point loss to Coastal Carolina on Jan. 2. 1997

No. 7 Connecticut 74, Indiana 69: At Hartford, Conn., Rashad Anderson scored 17 points and Rudy Gay had 10 rebounds to rally Connecticut (3-0) past Indi-(2-2). Reserve freshman guard Antonio Kellogg ignited a 17-1 second-half run that erased a 13-point deficit.

No. 10 Duke 93, Valparai At Chicago, J.J. scored 26 points and Duke (5-0) used a smothering defense to rout Valparaiso and give coach Mike Krzyzewski his 699th career win.

Playing in Krzyzewski's hometown, the Blue Devils took control midway through the first half with a 20-4 run and sailed from there. Duke forced 18 first-half turnovers and built a 48-26 lead.

George Washington 96, No. 11 Michigan St. 83: At Washington, D.C., Pops Mensah-Bonsu scored 23 points and George Washington forced Michigan State (3,2) into 22 turnovers

No. 12 Maryland 78, George

Chris McCray and Caner-Medlev each scored 20 points and Maryland (4-1) limited George Mason to four first-half baskets to advance to the championship game of the BB&T Classic against George Washington.

No. 13 Pittsburgh 87, Duauesne 57: At Pittsburgh, Chris Taft had 16 points. Chevon Troutman added 15 points and 11 rebounds and Carl Krauser scored 15 as Pitt reached 5-0 for the fifth straight season.

No. 17 Louisville 98, Lafayette 57: At Louisville, Francisco Gar cia scored 25 points and Ellis Myles had 16 rebounds to lead Louisville (4-1).

No. 18 Texas 70. Seton Hall 62: At East Rutherford, N.J., freshman Daniel Gibson scored 15 points and Texas (5-1) heat Seton Hall despite its worst three-point effort of the season Texas, averaging 10 baskets and shooting 50 percent from behind the arc, missed 11 of 17 against Seton Hall (2-2).

Miami 72. No. 19 Florida 65: At Gainesville, Fla., Anthony Harris scored 18 of his 23 points in the second half as Miami (3-2) first-year coach Frank Haith his biggest victory.

Guillermo Diaz and Robert

Hite added 16 apiece for the Hurricanes. Anthony Roberson had 20 points for Florida (4-1)

Michigan 61, No. 20 Notre Dame 60: At Ann Arbor, Mich., Daniel Horton's three-point play with 20.7 seconds to go ended a three-game losing streak for Michigan (4-3).

No. 22 Alabama 102, Char-lotte 101 (30T): At Charlotte, N.C., Kennedy Winston scored a 33 points and hit a 16-foot jumper with 20.5 seconds left in the third overtime as Alabama (6-1) held off Charlotte (3-2)

No. 23 Iowa 83, UNC-Greensboro 58: At Iowa City, Iowa, Pierre Pierce and Adam Haluska scored 17 points apiece and Iowa (6-1) won its Hawkeye Challenge.

No. 25 Wisconsin 70. Rutgers 62: At Piscataway, N.J., senior forward Mike Wilkinson hit 10 of 14 shots and scored a career-high 26 points as Wisconsin (4-1) handled Rutgers.

Tar Heels too much for young Kentucky

BY KEITH PARSONS The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL N.C - Jawad Williams found himself in the right place at the right time, with a stern message from assistant

Steve Robinson fresh in his mind. 'Coach Robinson cussed me out for not playing hard," iams said with a smile. "He gave me a little extra motivation.

Soon after the tongue-lashing, Williams tipped in a miss to thwart a second-half rally by Kentucky, helping No. 9 North Carolina beat the No. 8 Wildcats 91-78 Saturday in a game between the two winningest programs in college basketball history.

Rashad McCants had 20 of his 28 points in the first half and Sean May scored 11 of his 14 in the first eight minutes of the second, but Williams' basket was equally important. The Wildcats trimmed what was a 17-point deficit to seven on a three-pointer by Bobby Perry with about 4 minutes left.

Raymond Felton missed a three-pointer for the Tar Heels, and Williams timed his leap perfectly to give North Carolina (6-1) an 81-72 lead. May made a free throw and McCants added two, and Kentucky got no closer than eight thereafter.

Williams scored 19 points and May had 19 rebounds for the Tar Heels, who outrebounded Kentucky 51-30.

'I can't say enough about Sean May," Tar Heels coach Roy Williams said. "You know, he had nine rebounds in the first half, just dominating on the boards, and then he turned around in the second half and got 10."

Kelenna Azubuike had 24 points for the Wildcats (4-1), and Joe Crawford finished with 11 Leading scorer Chuck Hayes, saddled with foul trouble, didn't score until the second half and had only four points.

"They dominated us in every phase." Haves said. "They played great, and we didn't."

These two powers have played since 1923-24 - Kentucky leads the career victory list 1.880-1.833 and the recent history has belonged to the Wildcats. They have won four straight since the series was revived in 2000, including a 61-56 decision last season in Lexington

With two freshmen starters and two more freshmen who feature prominently in the rotation. Kentucky got back in the game from long range. Crawford made a three-pointer, then Ravi Moss and Perry added threes on consecutive possessions to get Kentucky within 79,72

It could have gotten even closer after the Wildcats forced a shot clock violation, but Perry shot an air ball on a leaner from the baseline and Williams responded with his putback to seal it.

Balanced Ohio tops Navy; Army beaten made all five of his three-point at-

ATHENS, Ohio - Leon Williams scored 16 points to pace four players in double figures in Ohio's 90-55 victory over Navy on Saturday.

Diamond Gladney and Sonny Troutman each had 12 points and Terren Harbut had 10 for the Bobcats who are 3.0 for the first time since 2001. Ohio, which never trailed,

turned 32 Navy turnovers into 33 points. The Bobcats used 13 players and each played for at least nine minutes

David Hooper came off the bench to score 15 points for Navy

Service Academies

shot 40 perthe field. No other

player scored more than six points.

The Midshipmen had just seven field goals in the first half while Ohio shot 52 percent from the field in building a 44-22 margin at intermission. The Bobcats owned a 46-18 ad-

vantage in points inside and also made 18 of 22 free throws Hooper connected on three three-pointers in six attempts.

St. Francis, N.Y., 78, Army 64: At New York, Tristin Smith

tempts on the way to scoring 26 points in his debut with St. Francis. Smith transferred to St. Francis from St. John's Nick Jones, who made of six at-

tempts from three-point range, followed with 17 points for St Francis (2-2). The Terriers, who pulled away from a 34-34 tie at halftime, finished with 15 three-pointers in 29 attempts.

Matt Bell scored 22 points to ton the Black Knights (1-5) and Corv Sinning added 14.

Bell had five points as Army took an 11-2 lead and Luke Slater's basket pushed the Black Knights' advantage to 29-17 at 6:35 of the first half. Devon Neckscored four points during a 12-0 run that got the Terriers even 29,29 with 4:33 remaining before halftime

Bell's layup at 16:50 of the sec-ond half pushed Army into a 38-38 tie, its last before St. Francis took control with an 18-6 spurt. Smith had nine points during the run as the Terriers built a 56-44 advantage with 11:50 to

Army got within 56-49 when Ryan Wallace made two free After the teams exchanged has

kets, Smith scored five points to lead a 15-0 run that made it 73-51 with 3:37 remaining.

Champion coaches bring slumping teams together

Parcells, Holmgren had high hopes this year

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - When their teams play Monday night, Bill Parcells and Mike Holmgren will take the field with 294 NFL victories and three Super Bowl titles between

It's not helping either coach this season, though each remains among the most respected men in the profession.

The Dallas Cowboys (4-7) and Seattle Seahawks (6-5) aren't exactly streaking this season, yet in today's NFL that could be more than enough for both teams to reach the playoffs.

"The probability of it for us is not very good," Parcells acknowl-

Testaverde. 41-year-old Dallas quarterback, returns as the starter after rookie Drew Henson's woeful first-half performance in a Thanksgiving Day win over Chicago.

Testaverde took over in the second half and Dallas was rescued by a different rookie, Julius Jones, who had 150 yards rushing and two TDs.

Parcells believes Testaverde, despite 14 interceptions, gives the Cowboys their best chance to win Given the team's slim shot at the playoffs, that's more important right now than developing Hen-

"Drew has only played about eight games in seven years and none of them have been in the pros," Parcells said.

Testaverde won't be the oldest player on the field. This could be the final Monday night game for NFL receiving king Jerry Rice, playing the twilight of his career with the Seahawks

The 42-year-old superstar is doing his best to lead and contribute on an offense that converts only 34 percent of its third-down attempts, despite having the NFL's top rusher in Shaun Alex-

After starting 3-0, Seattle's next three victories have come over teams — Carolina, San Francisco and Miami - that each had one win at the time. Remarkably, the Seahawks remain atop the NFC West

"It's a five-game season," Holmgren said, "If we get it going again, it's still there for the taking. We can still reach our goals."

What was the enduring image from Seattle's 38-9 loss to Buffalo last weekend? How about Seahawks receiver Darrell Jackson doing penalty push-ups on the sideline after each of his three dropped passes?

"I don't really know the answer for just turning it around real quick," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said.

This is how it's been this season for Parcells and Holmgren.



suffered his worst loss in six ons in Seattle last week in Buffalo when the Bills won 38-9

There were high hopes for both teams in training camp after the Seahawks and Cowboys reached the playoffs last year.

However, these two esteemed coaches are hardly alone. Joe Gibbs is 3-8 in his first sea.

son back with Washington after a 12-year break. Dick Vermeil, who won a Super Bowl with the Rams only five seasons ago, is 3-8 in Kansas City. The days when Parcells won

two Super Bowls with the Giants and Holmgren won another with the Packers? Long gone.

"Some things have changed." Holmgren said.

In the age of the salary cap and free agency, it's near-impossible to assemble and maintain the kinds of teams that can be characterized as dynasties, and coaches are working with a different kind

When Bill was with the Giants or Joe was first with Washington, when Dick Vermeil was first in the league, you had players with you a long time," Holmgren said
"The idea of a team being a family was really true."

Parcells disputed the suggestion that players have changed, at least on the field. He said what has changed is the environment around players, swamped by agents, friends and other assorted characters.

'You see peripherals around the players and a distorted sense of what a player is," Parcells said "If these guys don't have a level head, it's quite easy to get a distorted sense of what you are.

"Players don't really know what they are. And sometimes when they find out, they're very disappointed."

These days, Holmgren said pressure to win quickly leaves many coaches with little time to develop a solid team. Free agency and salary caps limit talent on the depth chart.

Throw in an injury or two, and preseason front-runners morph into also-rans. Just look at Carolina's injury-riddled fall from last season's Super Bowl to 4-7 going into this weekend.

"If given the time, and nothing catastrophic happens, you should have a good chance to improve your team greatly," Holmgren said. "Then to get to the Super Bowl and win, you need a lot of luck

Starting this week, the Sea hawks know they need to make their own luck. The same could be said for Dallas, one of many potential contenders in the watered-down NFC who hope to get hot down the stretch.

"I'm not watching who's in contention or who isn't." Parcells said. "Other than a couple of teams that have been consistent. it's difficult to tell who's going to

NFL scoreboard

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Midshipmen cheer after a Navy touchdown in the second quarter against Army on Saturday. Navy rolled to a 42-13 victory.

Control: Navy's Smith also worthy of MVP

And Navy has outscored Army by 134-31 in their past three meetings.

The Midshipmen also won the Commander-in-Chief Trophy for the second straight season

Army, on the upswing under new coach Bobby Ross, believed it was ready for this one. The Cadets were convinced that their changing defensive fronts could keep Navy off-kilter, and that they could move the ball on the ground.

The way the first half played out, Army's defense spent most of it on the field. Cadets tailback Carlton Jones ran effectively, finishing with 98 vards on 21 carries. But when Army tried to mix it up, the Cadets (2-9) floundered. At one point three straight passes by Army quarterback Zac Dahman were tipped or otherwise touched first by Navy defenders.

And that was before the play of the game when Smith, a senior safety, engulfed a Dahman pass and returned it 67 yards for Navy's third touchdown with just more than six minutes left before Smith described how he had

looked up at the Jumbotron screen in the end zone as he ran.

"I saw No. 30," Smith said of Jones, Army's tailback, who was chasing him. "I knew he was

If Eckel hadn't been MVP, it would have been Smith, who made 12 tackles, two for losses, including a 12-yard sack of Dahman when the Cadets were driving. Smith talked afterward about how he had repeatedly faked blitzing in the first half, then thought he surprised Army when he started coming after halftime.

"There were three or four times that we ran it that they were't prepared for it," he said "We knew if we could get one-on-one with their backs, they weren't their best blockers

Smith. Navy's leading tackler for the third straight season, also was the feel-good story of the day, since he had to watch last year's game from the Wyndham Frank-lin Plaza hotel in Center City.

after undergoing an appendectomy three days before the game. Doubled over in pain during the week, he had tried to convince Navv's coaches and doctors that the surgery could be delayed so be could play. The worst part, he said, was watching his teammates celebrate the victory without him

After watching another celebration in person, Army offensive tackle Joel Glover, a team captain, still was visibly emotional almost an hour after the game.

"We anticipated doing so much better than we did." Glover said. "We didn't deliver. . . . It should have been a lot closer.

"We don't ever want to get behind," Ross said. "We're a team that has to stay fairly even. The game just got away from us. We'd line up and play well for three plays, and then there would be a big play that would bust loose for them '

Asked about winning handily again, Eckel said the word "handidoesn't apply to Army-Navy.

"I got a shot in the ribs," Eckel said. "I'm still hurting."

Navy 42, Army 13

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Navy—A.Polanco 10 run (Blumenfeld kick), 14:23. Navy-Eckel 23 run (Blumenfeld kick), 11:06.

Navy—J.Smith 67 interception return (Blu-lenfeld kick), 6:18. menfeld kick), 6:18.

Navy—Yokitis 12 pass from A.Polanco (Blu-menfeld kick), 1:15.

Army—Trimble 6 pass from Dahman (Koenig kick), :22.

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First downs Rushes-yards Passing Comp-Att-Int Return Yards Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yards 21-42-1 94 4-36.8 2-1 3-25 30:47 5-38.6

Time of Possession 29:13
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Rushing—Army, Jones 21-38, Robinson
7-26, Anderson 1-19, Dahman 5-17, Silva
7-36, APOlanco 14-32, Owens 4-26, Divis 1-14,
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5-46, APOlanco 17-10-100,
Passing—Army, Dahman 20-39-1-163, Silva
1-3-0-7, Navy, APOlanco 7-110-100,
Receiving—Army, Alexander 5-54, Ulekowski 4-49, Trimbie 4-25, Jones 4-9, Nevels 2-12,
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den 1-11, Roberts 1-9,
Silva 1-12, Yokitis 1-12, Pryden 1-11, Roberts 1-9.

College football scoreboard

AP Top 25 fared

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college football poll fared this week: No. 1 Southern Cal (12-0) beat UCLA 29-24. Next: vs. TBA.

No. 1 - 3 ddiden in (12-0) beat oct. 2 5-24. No. 2 Oklahom (12-0) beat Colorado 42-3. No. 3 Aubum (12-0) beat No. 15 Tennessee 3-28 Next vs. TBA. No. 4 California (10-1) beat Southern Mis-sissippl 26-16. Next vs. TBA. No. 5 Utah (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. TBA.

TBA.

No. 6 Texas (10-1) did not play. Next: vs.
TBA.

No. 7 Louisville (10-1) beat Tulane 55-7.
Next: vs. No. 11 Boise State, Liberty Bowl,

No. 22 Texas A&M (7-4) did not play. Next:

vs. TBA.

No. 23 Boston College (8-3) did not play.

Next: vs. North Carolina, Continental Tire
Bowl, Dec. 30.

No. 24 Texas Tech (7-4) did not play. Next:

vs. TBA.

No. 25 Ohio State (7-4) did not play. Next:

vs. TBA, Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29.

Saturday No. 1 USC 29, UCLA 24 10 10 3 6-29 0 10 7 7-24

First Quarter
SoC—Bush 65 run (Killeen kick), 14:02.
SoC—FG Killeen 37, 6:05.
Second Quarter
UCLA—Bragg 96 punt return (Medlock ick), 9:51.

ick), 9:51.

SoC—Bush 81 run (Killeen kick), 6:03.

UCLA—FG Medlock 43, 2:50.

SoC—FG Killeen 42, :09.

Third Quarter SoC—FG Killeen 34, 7:02. UCLA—M.White 9 run (Medlock kick), 1:35. Fourth Quarter SoC—FG Killeen 36, 12:05.

First downs Rushes-yards Passing Comp-Att-int Return Yards Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yards 19 12 37-235 25-17 242 278 24-34-1 20-34-2 35 106 5-36.0 7-43.9 2-1 5-35

Penalties-Yards 4-40 5-35
Time of Possession 4-33 25:27
Rushing-Southern Cal, Bush 15-204,
Liffnite 16-75, team 2-cminus 5), Malone
Mythiet 1-3, Walker 1-11, Markey 8-5, Piter
1-4, Breazell 2-3, Drew 2-(minus 5), Olson
4-(minus 14),
Passing-Southern Cal, Leinart 24-34-1242 UCLA, Olson 20-34-2-278. 242. UCLA, OISOn 20-34-2-278.

Receiving—Southern Cal, Bush 6-73, Jarrett 5-44, S.Smith 4-37, Mitchell 2-36, L.White 2-13, Byrd 2-8, Holmes 1-21, Kirtman 1-7, Webb 1-3, UCLA, Bragg 6-67, Taylon 1-7, Webb 1-3, UCLA, Bragg 6-67, Taylon 1-7, Edwis 4-29, Perry 3-78, M.White 1-11, Pitre 1-4.

No. 2 Oklahoma 42, Colorado 3 0 0 3 0-3 14 14 7 7-42

Okl-Peoples 5 pass from White (Hartley kick), 10:21. Okl—Clayton 22 pass from White (Hartley kick), 5:29.

kick), 529.

Second Quarter
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Kick), 1453.
Okl—Peterson I, run (Hartley kick), 6:06.

Third Quarter kick), 6:05.
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Col—Fect Grosby 34, 2:01.
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Receiving—Colorado, Mackey 2-14, Judge 1-10, Littlehales 1-8, Purify 1-7, Sprague 1-6, Duren 1-4, Monteilh 1-3, Brooks 1-(minus 2). Oklahoma, Clayton 8-106, Wilson 5-72, Brad-ley 4-46, Jones 3-12, Runnels 1-13, Jones 1-6, Peoples 1-5, Finley 1-2.

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31 49-185 374 27-36-1 First downs Rushes-yards Passing Comp-Att-Int Return Yards Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost 24-228 69 8-20-0 4-29.5 12-40.5

Penalties-Yards 4-20 12-95 ime of Possession 39:31 20:29 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Rushing—Auburn, Williams 19-100, Camp-pell 13-57, R.Brown 16-50, Bliss 1-(minus 22). ennessee, Riggs 11-182, Houston 11-37, Inderson 1-11, Team 1-(minus 2). Hous.... ius 2). hell 27-35-1-374, Anderson 1-11, Team 1-(minus 2), Passing—Auburn, Campbell 27-35-1-374, Brown 0-1-0-0. Tennessee, Clausen 8-20-0-69, Receiving—Auburn, Taylor 6-111, Obomanu 6-93, R.Brown 6-55, Wallace 3-31, Aromashodu 2-58, Williams 2-11, Daniels 1-9, Mix 1-6. Tennessee, T.Brown 3-28, Anderson 2-11, Meachem 1-17, Houston 1-8, Smith 1-5.

No. 4 Cal 26. So. Miss 16 California Southern Miss

Third Quarter
USM-FG McGales 33, 644.
Cal-FG Schm Cales 34, 445.
Fourth Quarter
USM-Almond 1 run (Rick falled), 556.
Cal-Hunter PAT return, 5:56.
Cal-Hynch 12 run (Schneider kick), 4:51.
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No. 7 Louisville 55, Tulane 7

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Lou-FG Carmody 36. 11:38.
Lou-Shelton I run (Carmody kick), 3:23.
Lou-Shelton I run (Carmody kick), 3:23.
Lou-Shelton I run (Carmody kick), 1:10.
Lou-Stanley fumble recovery in end
Carmody kick), 1:10.
Lou-Suph 9 run (Carmody kick), 1:10.
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Lou—Shelton 5 run (Carmody kick), 12:57.
Lou—Smith 7 run (Carmody kick), 8:20.
Tul—Williams 3 pass from Irvin, 2:12.
A—22,169.

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Time of Possession 33:18 26:32

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18-56, long - Louisville, Smith 5:65, Stelton
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17-70, Jackson 2-9, Team 1-(minus 6), Irvin
17-70, Jackson 2-9, Team 1-(minus 6), Irvin
18-60-59, Tulane, Irvin 25:12-1112,
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No. 10 Virginia Tech 16, No. 9 Miami 10

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Second Quarter

VT—King 3 pass from Randall (Pace kick),

13-46. Mia—T.Moss 2 run (Peattle kick), 8:20. VT—FG Pace 45, :00. VT—FG Pace 45, :00. Third Quarter Mia—FG Peattle 23, 7:59. Fourth Quarter VT—Royal 39 pass from Randall (kick Jolocked), 11:29.

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No. 19 Pittsburgh 43. South Florida 14

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Pit—FG Cummings 39, 14:56.

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KICK), 4:59. Fit—Lee 7 pass from Palko (Cummings kick), 1:24.

tick), 1:24. Third Quarter

SF—Crossley 1 run (Geisler kick), 4:27.

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Pit—Gill 80 pass from Palko (Cumnings kick), 1:27.

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Fumbles-Lost 1-1
Penalties-Yards 11-75
Time of Possession 30:33
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Rushing—Pittsburgh, Murphy 12-52, Fur-nan 5-7, Mason 5-5, Flacco 4-5, McKillor

man 5-7; Mason 5-5; Flacco 1-4; McKillöp (14mlus-2), McKillöp (15mlus-1), Palko 5-4minus 9), South Hordia, A. Hall 15-6; South Hordia, A. Hall 15-6; McKillöp (15mlus-1), Palko 1-2, Henderson 3-4minus 6).

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Division I-AA playoffs

Division II playoffs

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Valdosta State 45, West Chester 21
Pittsburg St. 31, North Dakota 19
Saturday, Dec. 11
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Division III playoffs

Saturday, Dec. 4 Rowan 56, Delaware Valley 7 Mary Hardin-Baylor 52, Wash. & Jeff. 16 Mount Union 38, Carthage 20 Linfield 56, Occidental 27

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 11
Linfield (11-0) vs. Rowan (10-2)
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(12-0)

Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 Stagg Bowl At Salem Stadium Salem, Va.

Arrington keeps Cal in running for BCS

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Cali-fornia coach Jeff Tedford was praising J.J. Arrington and couldn't resist the chance to give his fourth-ranked Golden Bears one more plug for entry into the Bowl Championship Series.

Arrington ran for a season-best 261 yards, his school-record 11th straight game with more than 100, in Cal's 26-16 victory over Southern Mississippi on Saturday night.

"He's a very solid, consistent performer for us," Tedford said. "There has to be something said for consistency throughout the Like a BCS bid?

"I would hope so," Tedford said "That's the way I would look at it. Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown passes and California scored on a bizarre special-teams play in the closer-than-expected win.

The Golden Bears (10-1) learn Sunday if it will result in their first Rose Bowl bid since 1959. "We want the Rose Bowl so bad we can taste it," defensive line-man Lorenzo Alexander said.

The Bears were fourth in the BCS standings, barely ahead of Texas. They need to stay ahead of the Longhorns to earn a trip to Pasadena, Calif.

"Our one loss was to the No. 1 team in the country," Rodgers said, referring to Cal's 23-17 loss



to Southern California two months ago. "Texas is a very good team as well. Their one loss was to (Oklahoma), the No. 2 team in the country. We're hoping the computers stay the same and the human voters don't change their

No. 7 Louisville 55, Tulane 7: In New Orleans, Stefan LeFors threw for one touchdown and ran for another to lead Louisville to its fifth straight game with at

least 55 points.

The nation's top-rated passer completed 19 of 27 for 247 yards before leaving late in the third

The Cardinals (10-1, 8-0 Conference USA), ranked first nationally in scoring were averaging nearly 50 points a game.

Louisville had already clinched the C-USA regular-season title and a spot in the Liberty Bowl. No. 19 Pittsburgh 43, South

Florida 14: In Tampa, Fla., Tyler Palko threw for a career-high 411 yards and five touchdowns and the Panthers virtually assured themselves the Big East's spot in the Bowl Championship Series by winning for the sixth time in

Montana rolls in I-AA. other three go to wire

The Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. - Craig Ochs passed for 251 yards and three touchdowns, and Lex Hilliard ran for 107 yards and two more scores to lead Montana to a 47-17 victory over New Hampshire on Saturday in the NCAA Division I-AA quarterfinals.

Montana (11-2) will play Sam Houston State (11-2) at home next Saturday.

Ochs, a transfer from Colorado completed 16 consecutive passes from late in the first quarter to early in the third quarter to help Montana take a 37-3 lead.

Sam Houston St. 35, E. Washington 34: Dustin Long threw a -yard touchdown pass to Jason Mathenia as time expired, and Lance Garner added the winning extra point for the visiting Bear

William & Mary 44, Delaware 38, 20T: In Williamsburg, Va., Jon Smith scored on a 7-vard run in the second overtime to lift William & Mary past 2003 champion Delaware (9.4)

William & Marv. down 31-10 at halftime, forced overtime on Lang Campbell's 15-yard touchdown pass to Joe Nicholas with 1:56 left in regulation.

James Madison 14, Furman 13: Raymond Hines tied it with 28 seconds left on a 1-yard run on fourth down, and David Rabil added the winning extra point for



visiting James Madison. Scott Beckler

lined up for a clinching field goal with 5 minutes left, but Demetrius Shambley blocked it.

Division II

Pittsburg St. 31, North Dakota 19: Neal Philpot threw three touchdowns passes and Germaine Race ran for 158 yards and a TD in Pittsburg State's semifi-

nal victory at home. Valdosta St. 45, West Chester 21: Fabian Walker went 24-for-28 with two TD passes and ran for one score to help host Valdosta State advance to the title game for the second time in three years.

Division III

Mount Union 38, Carthage 20: Zac Bruney threw three touch-down passes and ran for two scores to put Mount Union in the semifinals for the 10th straight

Mount Union, which has won seven Division III titles since 1993, will face Mary Hardin-Baylor at home on Saturday. Mary Hardin-Baylor beat Washington & Jefferson 52-16

In the other quarterfinals, Lin-field beat Occidental 56-27 to set up a home game against Rowan, a 56-7 winner over Delaware Val-

Virginia Tech claims ACC title, BCS berth

Hokies defeat fellow newcomer Miami, earn likely trip to Sugar Bowl

BY TIM REYNOLDS The Associated Press

MIAMI — Bryan Randall grabbed a set of Mardi Gras beads and waved them aloft. while his teammates exalted in the prospect of a trip to New Or-

The Hokies beat Miami for the second straight year — and a Bowl Championship Series spot, one that Virginia Tech let slip away by collapsing down the stretch a year ago, is the reward.

Randall threw two touchdown passes, including a 39-yard strike to Eddie Royal that put Virginia Tech ahead to stay in its 16-10 victory over the Hurricanes on Satur-

The Hokies capped their first Atlantic Coast Conference season by winning the league title.

No. 10 Virginia Tech (10-2, 7-1)

will learn Sunday to which BCS bowl it's headed: the likely choice is the Sugar Rowl on Jan 3 in New Orleans. Miami — which bidding for a fifth straight BCS berth - will play Florida in the Peach Bowl on New Year's

"To come into this great stadium, against a great football team and to be able to hold on and win the ACC outright is a special feel ing for us," Hokies coach Frank Beamer said. "It was their time. Things bounced our way, but I think we made things bounce our

The ninth-ranked Hurricanes (8-3, 5-3) talked volumes about avenging last year's humbling 31-7 loss in Blacksburg and making Virginia Tech pay for waving an "ACC Champions" sign on its sideline following last week's vic-

against Virginia that clinched a share of the conference crown

Miami came up empty on all counts, and lost its home finale for just the second time since

"We've got the ACC all by ourselves," said Randall, who completed 11 of 18 passes for 148 vards, "There's no question who the champions are, who's the better team or who should have won this game.'

Virginia Tech entered the game with the ACC's top scoring defense, and thoroughly frustrated Miami's offense. Miami quarterback Brock Berlin completed 16 of 31 passes for 139 yards - 98 off his season overage. And the Hurricanes managed only 51 yards rushing on 22 attempts.

'We weren't able to run the ball effectively or pass the ball effectively. ... We just didn't do enough things to allow ourselves to win the football game." Miami coach the football game, Larry Coker said.

Cedric Humes added 110 rush. ing yards for the Hokies, who were picked to finish sixth in the ACC before the season and won their final eight games to cap a surprising title run. They also beat Miami for the seventh time in the teams' last 10 meetings.

"It just seemed that we would get something and get pushed back, get something again and get pushed back," Berlin said. "We hurt ourselves

Berlin threw to Talib Humphrey for 24 yards on Miami's first play; the Hurricanes wouldn't have another play ex-ceed 17 yards all afternoon. Miami finished with 190 yards, only 110 coming in the final three quarters, plus a season-low seven first downs.

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Saturday, Jan. 29 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala.

No perfect ending for 12-0 Auburn

No. 3 Tigers beat Vols for SEC championship but look like odd men out in national title picture

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press ATLANTA - Take that, poll-

sters and computers. The team most likely to be left out of the national championship game has a trophy of its own.

For Auburn, that will probably have to do.

Jason Campbell threw for three touchdowns and accounted for more than 400 yards, leading the No. 3 Tigers to a 38-28 victory over 15th-ranked Tennessee in the SEC championship game Saturday night.

Desnite being 12-0 for the first time in school history, Auburn appears to be the odd team out in another Bowl Championship Series mess

"If we don't get a shot at play. ing for the national championship, sure, there will be some hard feelings," Campbell said "But they can't take away what this team did this year."

Not that the Tigers passed up the chance to get in some last-minute lobbying. "We definitely deserve a

chance to play for the national championship," Campbell said. "We've done all we can do. We've done what people asked." No. 1 Southern California also

finished 12-0 by holding off UCLA 29-24 earlier Saturday. No. 2 Oklahoma (12-0) did nothing to hurt its standing, coasting to a 42-3 victory over Colorado in a Big 12 title game that ended after the Tigers had celebrated their first SEC championship since

"When you go 12-0 in the SEC, there's no doubt in my mind you should play in the dance - and that's the Orange Bowl," Auburn safety Junior Rosegreen said. "Everyone in the world knows how hard we fought. We've been through it all, and we came out on



Auburn's Courtney Taylor (86) breaks the tackle of Tennessee's Jonathan Hefney after a reception on the first play of the Southeastern Conference championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on Saturday. Auburn won 38-28 to improve to 12-0 this season.

Even so. Auburn is expected to get twice-beaten Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl - not USC or Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl.

Those teams led the BCS standings, and only a major change of heart from the poll voters or a short-circuiting of the computers will keep the Trojans and Sooners from playing for another disputed national championship.

"This is a true team, from top to bottom," said Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville, capping his own remarkable comeback from nearly getting fired a year ago. "I just hope everyone will be fair when they vote tonight. I know we'll get at least one first-place vote" in the coaches poll.

Campbell, the game's MVP, did all he could to get the Tigers to Miami. He completed 27 of 35 for 374 yards - the first 300-yard passing game of his career. He also rushed for 57 yards, setting an SEC championship game record with 431 vards total of-Tennessee (9-3), which will set-

tle for a trip to the Cotton Bowl, played much better than its first meeting against Auburn. The Volunteers were embarrassed on their home field, committing six turnovers in a 34-10 loss in early October

With third-string Rick Clausen at quarterback because of injuries the Volunteers rallied to tie this game at 21 on Gerald Riggs Jr.'s 80-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Then, Tennessee pulled to 31-28 with just over minutes remaining Riggs rumbled for a 9-yard TD.

But Campbell would not be denied. He finished off the Volunteers with his final touchdown, a 43-yard pass to Ben Obomanu with 6:56 remaining.

Tennessee might have nulled off the upset if not for three crucial penalties. Cedric Houston had a 70-yard touchdown run wiped out by a yellow flag, and a holding call negated a 44-yard pass from Clausen to Robert Meachem.

Also, Campbell threw a 53-yard scoring pass to Devin Aromashodu - putting the Tigers ahead to stay late in the third quarter — after an interference penalty on Roshaun Fellows ex-

Tennessee was livid about the calls "In 13 years, I've never criti-

cized the officials, and many times I've taken up for the offi-cials," Fulmer said. "I'm not going to cross that line now, but I'll be real anxious to see the film. That's all I'm going to say.'

Riggs gained 182 yards on just 11 carries, the first runner in 17 games to surpass 100 vards against the fearsome Auburn de-

USC (Undefeated, Seeks Championship)

Top-ranked Trojans handle feisty Bruins to set up showdown with No. 2 Sooners

BY JOHN NADEL The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Southern California has reached all its goals to this point. Although the Trojans were pushed by crosstown rival UCLA, they made sure they'll get a shot at the one that remains.

get a sito at the one that reliands, Reggie Bush had two long touchdown runs, Ryan Killeen kicked five field goals and No. 1 USC held off the Bruins 29-24 Saturday to virtually lock up an Orange Bowl bid to play for the Bowl Championship Series title.

"They started No. 1 and finished No. 1." Keith Tribble, chief executive officer of the Orange Bowl, said. "It's not official, but you can draw the conclusions. It's 99.9 percent certain for them. USC knows how to finish. It's the sign of a champion." Moments after the game, USC fans in

Moments after the game, USC fans in both end zones tossed oranges onto the field as the Trojans celebrated. Bush climbed the band director's ladder near the south end zone, waved a Trojan sword and held a sign reading, "No. 1, Trojans Orange Bowl-bound."

It wasn't USC's best performance — and Heisman Trophy contender Matt Leinart was held in check — but it should be

The final BCS standings and bowl pairings were to be amounced Sunday. As Tribble pointed out, the Trojans (12-0, 8-0 Pac-10) have been ranked No. 1 all season in The Associated Press and coaches polls and, most importantly, the BCS standings. "I don't see how they couldn't take us," Leinart said. "We're in great position, and I think they'd be crazy to keep us out."

USC was left out last winter, when it finished atop both polls after the regular season but was third in the final BCS standings. The Trojans won the AP national championship and LSU beat Oklahoma in the Susar Bowl to win the BCS title.



USC's Reggie Bush is off on a 35-yard gain in the fourth quarter, part of his 204-yard, two-touchdown effort that helped the top-ranked Trojans beat UCLA 29-24 on Saturday.

"We'll find out tomorrow," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "We've done everything we could do, regardless of how it turns out. Going wire to wire is challenging. Whether it's the Orange Bowl or not, I don't know. I

don't really care. I just enjoyed today."
The Trojans completed the fifth perfect regular season in school history and first since 1972, when they won the national championship. It also was USC's 15th straight Pac-10 triumph and 21st consecutive victory overall. The Trojans have won 32 of their last 33 games.

Bush gained a career-high 204 yards on 15 carries — most on a 65-yard touchdown run on the game's second play and an 81-yard dash midway through the second quarter.

It was just the second game in which the explosive sophomore has rushed for more than 100 yards. He also had six receptions

for 73 yards.
"I think I might have shaken up the votes a little bit," he said, referring to the Heisman balloting.

Bush's candidacy seemed to wither in recent weeks, mainly because he doesn't have the numbers of such leading contenders as Leinart, the junior left-hander who completed his first 10 passes for 64 yards. He wound up 24-for-34 for 242 yards with one interception and no touchdowns —the first time in 25 career starts he has failed to throw at least one TD pass, USC is 24-1

in his starts.
"He (Bush) was huge returning the ball, running the ball and catching the ball," Leinart said. "We weren't able to put a lot of points up. They did a good job defensively, but we have so many weapons."

Carroll became the first Trojans coach to beat Notre Dame and UCLA — USC's biggest rivals — in three straight seasons. USC has beaten the Bruins six straight

USC has beaten the Bruins six straight times — its longest winning streak in the series, which they lead 40-27-7.

"I'm disappointed about today, but I'm excited about our future," second-year UCLA coach Karl Dorrell said. "It wasn't our best effort. But you know what? I'll take it against the best team in the coun-

try."

Drew Olson completed 20 of 34 passes for 278 yards and one touchdown with two interceptions for UCLA (6-5, 4-4), which will play in the Insight Bowl or the Las Vegas Bowl. The Bruins were limited to 17

yards on 25 rushes.
"This effort did not make our season. If we had won, it would have," UCLA receiv-

or Tab Perry.
On Bush's first scoring run, he faked out
Matt Clark near the UCLA 10 before somersaulting into the end zone and spiking

the ball to draw an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Killeen's 37-yard field goal on USC's second possession made it 10-0, and it ap-

ond possession made it 10-0, and it ap peared the rout was on. It wasn't.

Craig Bragg's school-record 96-yard punt return early in the second quarter cut USC's lead to 10-7. Bragg broke Kermit Alexander's 43-year-old record by two yards. The Bruins then blew an opportunity after Chris Horton blocked Tom Malone's

The Bruins then blew an opportunity after Chris Horton blocked Tom Malone's punt, giving UCLA the ball at the USC 19. But the Trojans held, and Justin Medlock missed a 39-yard field goal.

Bush scored his second touchdown two plays later to give USC a 17-7 lead. He broke two tackles to get into the clear and, once he did, nobody was going to catch the speedster.

"I have no advice in terms of stopping him," Dorrell said. "No one has been able to stop him yet. Good luck."

Killeen's second fourth-quarter field goal — set up by Lofa Tatupu's interception — made it 29-17. But UCLA drew within five with 2:20 to play on Olson's 4-yard pass to Marcedes Lewis on fourth-and-2.

The Bruins got one final chance when Spencer Havner recovered a fumble by Bush at the UCLA 14 with 53 seconds left, but Jason Leach intercepted Olson's pass on the next play.

Second-ranked Oklahoma OK – and then some

Sooners slam Colorado 42-13 in Big 12 title game, await Orange Bowl invitation

BY EDDIE PELLS

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Munching on an orange after the game, Oklahoma tailback Adrian Peterson had a pretty good idea of where the Sooners are heading next.

Oklahoma made its Orange Bowl invitation a no-brainer Saturday night, getting three touchdown passes from Jason White and three rushing TDs from Peterson in a near-flawless 42-3 dismantling of Colorado in the Big 12 title game.

Next, barring some kind of massive mix-up, comes a trip to Miami where No. 2 Oklahoma (12-0) will play for its eighth national title, most likely against No. 1 Southern California.

"This whole season, we played hard, finished games," Peterson said. "I'm not saying we made a statement today, but we went out and busted our butts for four quarters."

Both USC and No. 3 Auburn, the other national-title wannabe, also took care of

business Saturday. The Trojans defeated UCLA 29-24 and the Tigers beat No. 15 Tennessee 38-28.

But neither contender was anywhere near as impressive as coach Bob Stoops' Sooners.

"There aren't any parts missing, I don't believe," Stoops said. "You saw it all the way through. The offense has the ability to make plays running or throwing. The defense has been good, and fortunately, we did it at the right time."

White finished with 254 yards and threw for all his touchdowns over the first 15:07. Two went to Mark Clayton, who made a sweet, reaching, fingertip catch on the second for a 21-0 lead. Clayton finished with eight catches for 106 yards.

Peterson surpassed the century mark in the second quarter for his 11th 100-yard rushing game, an NCAA record for a freshman. He finished with 172 yards and saved the best for last, breaking six tackles for a darting, spinning 32-yard score and a 42-3 lead. That touchdown prompted Sooners fans to start throwing oranges onto the field — a tradition like no other.

Peterson and White did the Heisman voters no favors; they entered the weekend as two presumed favorites, and leave it just the same way.

"White, he was on. If you slip, or do something too slow, it's a catch," Buffs defensive back Terrence Wheatley said. "Peterson, I've never seen someone that strong, that big."

In Colorado (7-5), the Sooners had the perfect foil for a statement game like this. The Buffs turned their year of turmoil —

dogged by a sex and recruiting scandal and the spring suspension of coach Gary Barnett — into a feel-good story by capturing the Big 12 North with a stirring, late-season, three-game winning streak.

But their appearance in the title game couldn't mask the fact that they are, at best, only the fourth- or fifth-best team in a conference in which all the good teams played in the other division.

"Our team is embarrassed by our performance," Barnett said. "We were inept at

best. We played a very, very good football team and we were just not prepared to play that team today."

Joel Klatt threw for 52 yards for the Buffs and leading rusher Bobby Purify was held to 7 yards on 12 carries. Colorado took until the 9:35 mark of the third quarter to get its first first form to via penally. The Buffs finished with only three first downs and their only trip past the 50 came courtesy of an Oklahoma turnover.

Meanwhile, White and Peterson overmatched the Colorado defense from the get-go. Oklahoma drove 80, 63, 53 and 40 yards for touchdowns and a 28-0 lead after its first five possessions.

Later in the second quarter, the Sooners made a first down off a fake field goal and were looking to go ahead 35-0, but White threw a lob into the end zone that was intercepted by Wheatley.

That was one of three turnovers the Sooners committed, the last of which resulted in Mason Crosby's field goal that kept the Buffs from being shut out.

Oklahoma won its 39th conference championship.

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Eckel, Navy take charge

Game MVP's career day leads Mids' rout of Army

BY MIKE JENSEN The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Navy full-back Kyle Eckel, who spent much of his youth living a few blocks away in South Philadelphia, spoke about what a great honor it was to have the President of the United States — "a very important man, to say the least" — address his team on Saturday just Army. The president Italked about the importance of what they were all doing.

Later, after Navy had dominated the Cadets, 42-13, and Eckel had been named most valuable player for the second straight time at the Army-Navy game, the fullback told the truth.

"You try to drown that out," Eckel said of the Commander-in-Chief's visit. "It's extra-curricular stuff."

In the locker room, Navy's players were on all one knee. "A lot of us were like, 'C'mon,

"A lot of us were like, 'C'mon, c'mon.' It's a great honor, but everybody is focusing at that moment to get out there," Eckel said. President Bush might have sensed all this.

"I think he told us to go out and bust their heads," said Navy defensive captain Josh Smith. "He probably told them the same thing."



Navy fullback Kyle Eckel (32) races away from practically the entire Army team en route to a 23-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

The Midshipmen followed orders. They scored four second-quarter touchdowns to take all the drama out of the game at Lincoln Financial Field.

Eckel, Navy's best pro prospect

in a decade, ran 26 times for a career-high 179 yards. He actually lost yardage on a play for the first time late in the second quarter when Navy ran him out wide, but by the third quarter. Eckel was

over 1,000 rushing yards for the second straight season.

The Midshipmen, now 9-2 heading into their Emerald Bowl date with New Mexico, won that many games in a regular season for the first time since 1963. They also tied the all-time series 49-49-7 by winning for the fifth time in six

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